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DAY OF CHAOS: FALLOUT

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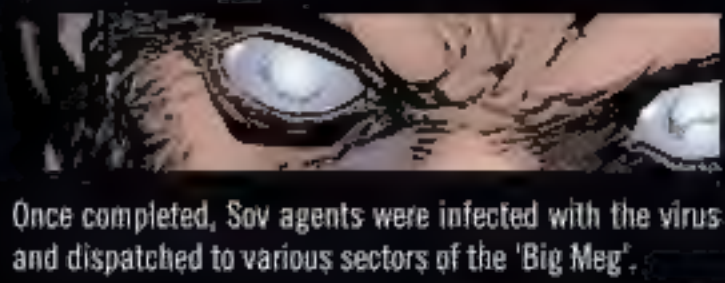
JUDGE DREDD: DAY OF CHAOS – RECAP

Since the end of the Apocalypse War, surviving citizens from East-Meg One had been planning a bloody revenge on their Mega-City One counterparts.

JUDGE DREDD AND A CRACK SQUAD HAVE TAKEN CONTROL OF AN EAST-MEG MISSILE SILO. NOW, DREDD'S FINGER POISED OVER THE FIRING BUTTON –
REQUEST DENIED!
THERE ARE HALF A BILLION PEOPLE IN MY CITY! YOU CAN'T WIPE THEM OUT, DREDD!
HALF MY CITY IS BURNT TO ASH – AND YOU'RE BEGGING ME FOR MERCY?

A scientist named Elmore Yurges was captured by East Meg insurgents and forced to produce a deadly virus named the 'Chaos Bug'.



Once completed, Sov agents were infected with the virus and dispatched to various sectors of the 'Big Meg'.

As the virus took hold, the city became a giant warzone. In the confusion a Sov sleeper agent freed the Dark Judges, Fire, Fear and Mortis from a high-security containment unit.

In the mass devastation that followed, both the Statue of Judgement and the Academy of Law were destroyed.

In the aftermath of Chaos Day the population of Mega-City One has fallen from 400 to 50 million.

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CONTROL — WE'RE PINNED DOWN! WHERE'S MY BACK-UP?

BACK-UPS UNAVAILABLE AT THIS TIME, DREDD.

THIS IS A PRIORITY, CONTROL!

I WANT H-WAGONS EQUIPPED WITH ENOUGH RIOT-FOAM TO —

RIOT-FOAM STOCKS DEPLETED, DREDD. STAND BY.

AAHHHH!

DROKKIN' JUDGES — !

GAHH!

GRUDDAMN IT!

VAUGHAN — THOSE JETMEN. NORTH-FACE! HEAT-SEEKERS. RAPID FIRE!

'SOME OF THE OTHER CITIZENS' DEFENCE LEADERS SAY TO ME, RENKIN, YOU'RE TOO PARANOID.
OLSEN — SIT-REP!
NO BETTER FROM THIS SIDE, DREDD. I'M — HOLD IT — THEY GOT ANOTHER CONVOY COMING IN!
'IT'S NEVER GONNA HAPPEN, THEY TELL ME.'
THOSE GUYS MEET ONCE A WEEK — IF THERE'S NOTHING GOOD ON TV.
THEY THINK THAT CITI-DEF IS A HOBBY, SOMETHING TO KEEP US OCCUPIED.
YOU KNOW WHAT I SAY TO THAT?'
I SAY THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS BEING TOO PARANOID, OR TOO PREPARED.
WHEN THE NEXT BIG DISASTER COMES — AND BELIEVE ME, IT WILL COME — WE HAVE TO BE READY.
'WE START HOARDING. FOOD. AMMO. WATER. POWER-CELLS. EVERYTHING WE CAN GET OUR HANDS ON.'
EMERGENCY RATIONS

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THAT CONVOY'S OUR WAY IN, OLSEN. HOW MANY TRUCKS?

FOUR. ETA THREE MINUTES. THERE'S A DOZEN GUYS RIDING SHOTGUN. THEY'RE NOT GONNA GO DOWN EASY.

DREDD

JAYS HAVE ISSUED A **FULL CURFEW**, MS RENKIN. NOT THAT ANYONE'S PAYING ANY HEED. WE SHOULD —

WE'RE GOING TO HEED IT, BROWNTREE. SEAL THE ENTRANCES. ABSOLUTELY NO ONE IN OR OUT WITHOUT **MY** SAY-SO.

DREDD, THEY'RE GOING TO OPEN FIRE WITH EVERYTHING THEY HAVE TO PROTECT THOSE TRUCKS.

I'M COUNTING ON THAT.

CHIEF JUDGE SAYS IT'S OVER... BUT — JOVIS IN A **JUMPSUIT**. THAT'S BAD.

WE MIGHT HAVE THE ONLY INTACT BLOCK LEFT IN THE SECTOR. THAT MAKES US A **TARGET**...

REMEMBER THAT IDEA YOU HAD FOR A **REALLY BIG GUN?**

VAUGHAN — YOU'RE WITH ME. REST OF YOU, KEEP 'EM OCCUPIED!

THEY'RE COMING UP TO THE BERTRAM CAVALIER FLYOVER. WHAT'S LEFT OF IT, ANYWAY.

WHAT DO YOU SEE, OLSEN? WHERE ARE THEY?

OLSEN — OPEN FIRE ON THE CONVOY!

'IDENTIFY YOURSELF, CITIZEN.'

'TREVORINA RENKIN. LEADER OF PERKINS CITY-DEF. WHAT DO YOU **WANT**, JUDGE?'

DUE INTEL SUGGESTS YOUR BLOCK HAS CONSIDERABLE SUPPLIES OF —

NOT INTERESTED. GO BOTHER SOMEONE ELSE.

HOARDING IS A SERIOUS OFFENCE, CITIZEN. YOU WILL —!

NO. WE WILL **NOT**. WE GATHERED THAT FOOD FAIR AND SQUARE. IT'S OURS.

"THE JUDGES LOST CONTROL OF THE CITY. I **RETAINED** CONTROL OF MY BLOCK. NOW WE SHOULD BAIL **YOU** OUT?"

THE CITY'S SUPPLIES ARE SEVERELY DEPLETED. YOU HAVE ENOUGH TO KEEP TWELVE BLOCKS FED FOR A **YEAR**.

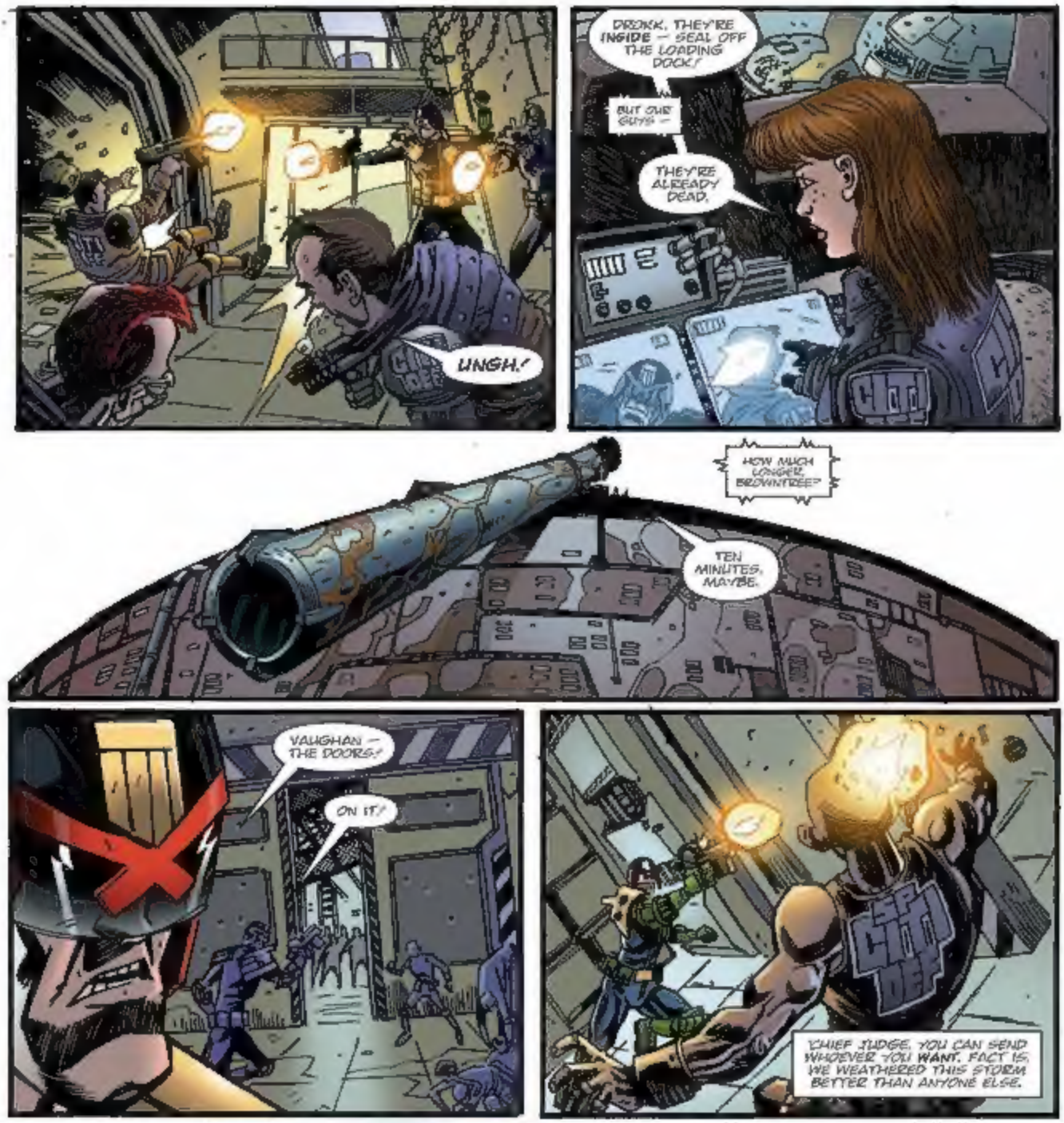
THREATENING A JUDGE IS —

AND WE HAVE ENOUGH FIREPOWER TO DEFEND IT.

YOU'RE BUSY — I WON'T TAKE UP ANY MORE OF YOUR TIME.

"YOU NEED TO STEP UP THE PACE ON THE **BIG GUN**, BROWNTREE. THEY'LL BE COMING FOR US SOON."

"THIS COULD BE A LONG SIEGE. WE SEND OUT SCAVENGERS. PICK THE RUINS **CLEAN**."


UNGH!
DRONK. THEY'RE INSIDE — SEAL OFF THE LOADING DOCK!
BUT SUB GUYS —
THEY'RE ALREADY DEAD.
HOW MUCH LONGER, BROWNTREE?
TEN MINUTES, MAYBE.
VAUGHAN — THE DOORS?
ON IT!
CHIEF JUDGE, YOU CAN SEND WHOEVER YOU WANT. FACT IS, WE WEATHERED THIS STORM BETTER THAN ANYONE ELSE.
AW, STOMM —
'AS OF NOW, SUB PERKINS BLOCK GOES INDEPENDENT.

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WE'RE SECEDING. WE DON'T NEED MEGA-CITY ONE AND WE SURE DON'T NEED JUDGES TO PROTECT US.

SOON AS WE GET OUR BIG GUN ONLINE WE'LL HAVE ALL THE PROTECTION WE NEED.

SO ONE OF YOU IS STILL ALIVE. GOOD. NOW SPEAK. I CAN HEAR YOU.

HOW DO YOU THINK THIS IS GONNA END, KENKIN?

DREDD - BACK-UP'S ON THE WAY. ETA ONE MINUTE.

I HEARD THAT. BACK-UP? THAT'S A JOKE.

DREDD THERE AREN'T ENOUGH JUDGES LEFT IN THE CITY TO PROVIDE DECENT BACK-UP.

YEAH?

WHO SAID THEY'RE FROM THE CITY, CREEP?

SUE PERKINS BLOCK CITI-DEF HAS DECLARED INDEPENDENCE. SAVAGELY DEFENDING THEIR HOARDED SUPPLIES. NOW WITH JUDGE DREDD TRAPPED INSIDE THE BLOCK. BACK-UP HAS FINALLY ARRIVED.

COLONEL LYNN EASTER SPACE CORPS WHO'S IN COMMAND HERE?

JUDGE DREDD HE'S INSIDE ALONE

WHO'S THIS?

JUST AN ADVISOR NON-COMBATANT WHAT KINDA FIREPOWER ARE WE UP AGAINST?

SO FAR PRETTY STANDARD CITI-DEF ISSUE BUT THESE CREEPS ARE GOOD

SO ARE WE. WHAT DO YOU THINK, NONCOM?

WE CONCENTRATE ON THE PEOPLE OUT HERE - DREDD CAN TAKE CARE OF HIMSELF

NOTHING HAPPENING CONTROL RENKIN'S PEOPLE MUST HAVE RIGGED THE CIRCUITS -

GONNA HAVE TO FIND ANOTHER WAY UP

THIS IS RENKIN. DREDD'S TRAPPED.

FOCUS ON THE MARINES - JUST NEED TO BUY US A FEW MORE MINUTES TO GET THE BIG GUN ONLINE

ANGELIS LANDING LAY DOWN COVERING FIRE HEAVY AS YOU LIKE. REST OF YOU - MOVE OUT ON MY MARK

COLONEL WAIT -

MARINES DON'T WAIT SON! KEEP YOUR HEAD DOWN AND YOUR MOUTH SHUT!

THE MARINES ARE UNDER HEAVY FIRE DREDD IF THEY CAN GET TO JOIN THEIR WEAPONS WE'LL BE ABLE TO CUT THROUGH THE DOOR

FORGET IT - I'VE JUST FOUND A SIX TON SKELETON KEY

WHAT'S HE..? DROKK NO! SPIERS GET YOUR MEN DOWN THERE - DREDD'S TRYING TO BREAK THROUGH!

THUNK-N-NCH

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BDAM BDAM BDAM

DREDD

CONTROL WHERE'S MY H-WAGON?

NO CAN DO DREDD SORRY

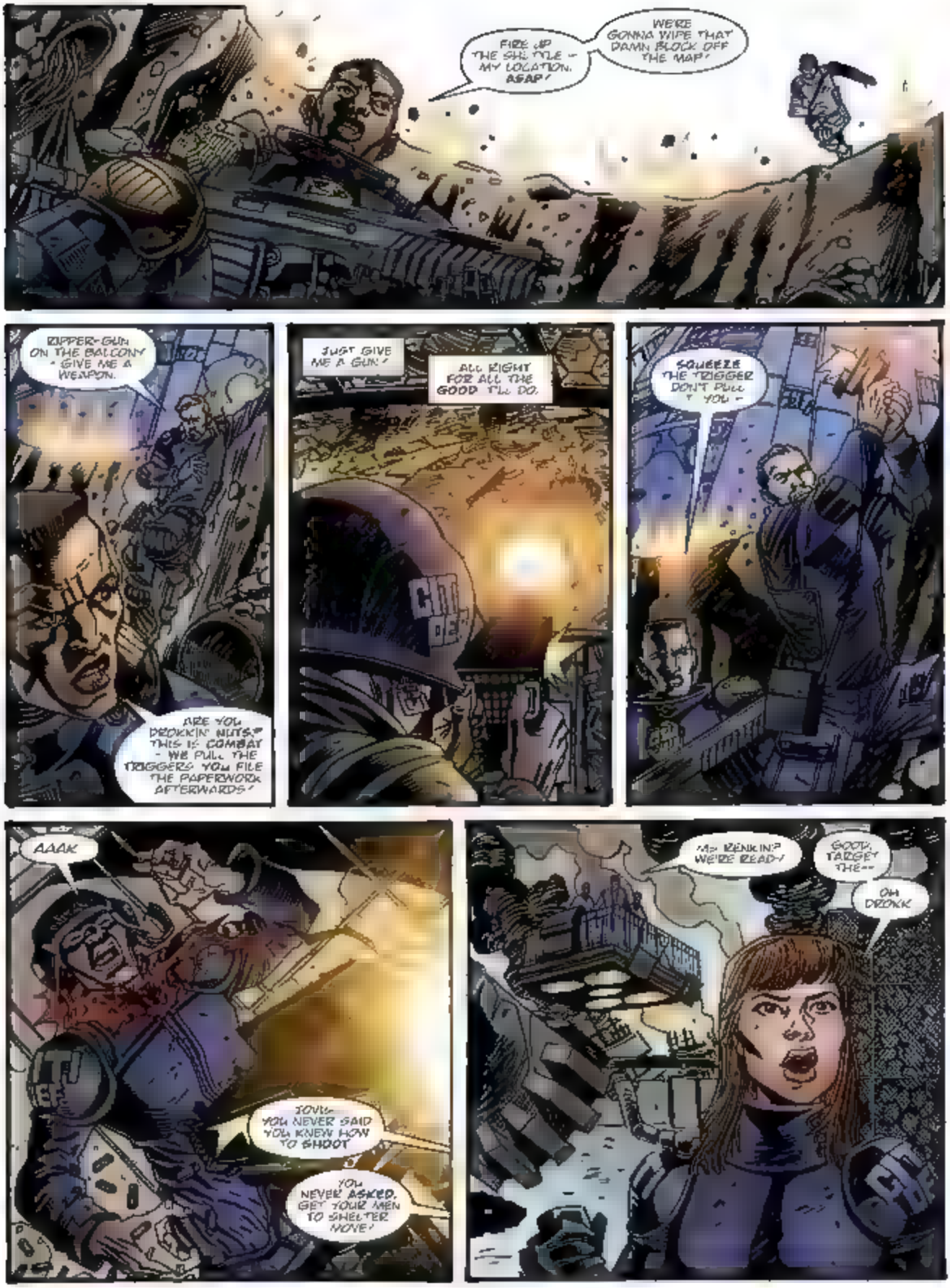
SORRY'S NO DAMN GOOD TO ME

BLAM!

GOT HIM FOR YOU...

HEMINGWAY - THIS IS EASTER YOU READ ME?

LOUD AND CLEAR COLONEL.


FIRE UP THE SHITTLE – MY LOCATION. ASAP!
WE'RE GONNA WIPE THAT DAMN BLOCK OFF THE MAP!
RIPPER-GUN ON THE BALCONY – GIVE ME A WEAPON.
ARE YOU DROOKIN' NUTS? THIS IS COMBAT – WE PULL THE TRIGGERS. YOU FILE THE PAPERWORK AFTERWARDS!
JUST GIVE ME A GUN!
ALL RIGHT FOR ALL THE GOOD I'LL DO.
SQUEEZE THE TRIGGER DON'T PULL IT YOU –
AAAK
JOVE- YOU NEVER SAID YOU KNEW HOW TO SHOOT
YOU NEVER ASKED. GET YOUR MEN TO SHELTER NOW!
AH KENKIN? WE'RE READY
GOOD. TARGET THE–
OH DRONK

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PATCH ME THROUGH TO THE SHUTTLE'S SPEAKERS, HEMINGWAY. I WANT EVERYONE IN THAT BLOCK TO HEAR THIS.

RESIDENTS OF SUE PERKINS BLOCK - THIS IS COLONEL LYNN EASTER OF THE SPACE CORPS.

YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE TO THROW DOWN YOUR WEAPONS AND SURRENDER!

BROWNTREE LET IT RIP!

FRAKAKAKAK CCCCOM!

WELL IT WORKS.

I DIDN'T SAY STOP BROWNTREE. HIT THEM AGAIN.

THE CITIZENS OF NEWLY INDEPENDENT SUE PERKINS BLOCK HAVE UNLEASHED THEIR ULTIMATE DEFENCE AGAINST JUSTICE DEPARTMENT -

FRAKAKAKAKCCCOM!

WHAT IN THE NAME OF GROD IS THAT THING?

DROP IT JUDGE! WE DON'T WANT TO KILL YOU -

NOT AN OPTION, CREEP

CONTROL, WHAT'S GOING ON OUT THERE? SOUNDS LIKE AN AVALANCHE.

SITUATION UNKNOWN, DREDD. THE WEAPON ON THE ROOF IS ... LOOK AT THAT THING.

I CAN ANSWER YOUR QUESTION, DREDD.

IT'S A MASS-DRIVER. YOU KNOW WHAT THAT IS?

IT HAS A FOCUSED GRAVITY WELL THAT CAN LAUNCH ANY KIND OF MATTER AT EXTREME VELOCITIES.
PICTURE AN OLD-FASHIONED CANNON CAPABLE OF FIRING A THOUSAND CANNONBALLS EVERY SECOND.
...EXCEPT THAT WE DON'T NEED TO MAKE CANNONBALLS. WE CAN USE ANYTHING.
OH. NOW I THINK THAT USED TO BE PART OF A PARK BENCH.
AND THE BEST THING ABOUT THE MASS-DRIVER IS THAT ANYTHING IT HITS BECOMES EVEN MORE AMMO.
SO YOU WILL WITHDRAW
... OTHERWISE WE'RE GOING TO SEE WHAT SORT OF RANGE THIS THING HAS.

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YOUR WEAPONS THEY HAVE NOTHING THAT CAN STAND AGAINST IT

WE HAVE NUKES.

..NO. NO THAT'S JUST BLUSTER. YOU WOULDN'T

DREDD YOU'RE FACING SOME OF MY BEST PEOPLE

ALL I HAVE TO DO IS GIVE THE WORD AND YOU'RE DEAD

I'LL GIVE YOU THE WORD REAKTA.

MAKE THAT TWO WORDS

HI-EX!

KADOOOM!

NO - -

KRAK!

COLONEL YOU NEED TO WITHDRAW

NONCOM. THIS IS NOT THE TIME

WE GOTTA DISABLE THAT DROKKIN GUN. BALFOUR WHAT'S YOUR TAKE?

MARUKA AND KIRWOOD HAD THE RPGs. THEY BOUGHT IT - DAMN GUN PULVERISED THEM. WEAPONS COULD BE INTACT

CONTROL - OVERRIDE THE ELEVATOR DOORS.

NO LOCK DO. DREDD THE MECHA'S BRAINS HAVE BEEN ISOLATED FROM OUR SYSTEMS

LEVEL NINE

EXIT

DAMN IT EASTER - LISTEN TO ME!

YOU'RE HERE TO GIVE ADVICE NOT ORDERS. CONSIDER THAT YOUR ONLY WARNING.

BALFOUR YOU AND LONGANG GO AFTER THE RPGs. REST OF US WILL SPREAD OUT. MOVE FAST KEEP CHANGING COURSE.

BOSS - THE MARINES! THEY'VE BROKEN COVER!

WELL DEAL WITH THEM, BROWNTREE.

WHAT ARE YOU UP TO, DREDD?

"THAT SON OF A ' GUARD THE ELEVATOR SHAFT."

DROKK ! - REGROUP ! THAT RUIN TO THE NORTH GRAB WHAT AMMO YOU CAN

BALFOUR CONTACT THE SHIP.

TELL THEM TO PREP FOR A STRIKE FROM ORBIT ATOMIZE THE ENTIRE BLOCK

EASTER THERE'S TWENTY THOUSAND

MAKES NO DAMN DIFFERENCE HOW MANY THERE ARE -

- THEY DECLARED INDEPENDENCE. THEY'RE NO LONGER CITIZENS OF MEGA-CITY ONE.

I AM NOT GOING TO STAND BY AND LET YOU -

ENOUGH

BOY YOU'VE ALREADY BEEN WARNED -

"LANSANG ANGELIS CUFF THIS DROKKER AND TAKE HIS GUN."

OPEN !

CITI DEF

BUDDA

BUDDA

BUDDA

BUDDA

BOSS HE'S NOT THERE!

GRUDDAMN IT FIND HIM!

ALL WE WANT IS TO BE LEFT ALONE IF YOU PEOPLE CAN'T GET THE MESSAGE THAT'S ON YOU.

REMEMBER RIGHT NOW I'M WRITING YOUR NAME ON EVERY BULLET IN MY ARSENAL - YOU GET THAT MESSAGE?

TARGET THAT BLOCK BROWNTREE! TURN THE WHOLE DAMN THING INTO GRAVEL

FRAKAKAKAKCCCOM!

LOOK OUT!

BLOCK'S COMIN' DOWN!

TRAPPED INSIDE SHE PERKINS BLOCK DREDD WITNESSED THE DEVASTATION WROUGHT BY THE BLOCK'S POWERFUL WEAPON.

STONNK

JUDGE I SWEAR WE HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH ANY OF THIS! IT'S ALL PERKINS' IDEA

SHE FORCED YOU TO STORE LOOTED SUPPLIES?

YES JUDGE EVERY APARTMENT IN THE BLOCK IS LIKE THIS!

SHE SAID WE ALL OWED HER FOR KEEPING US SAFE THESE PAST FEW MONTHS.

BROWNTREE SEND OUT THE SPY-CAMS TO SCAN THE WRECKAGE

AND RESTOCK THE AMMO · IF THE JUDGES COME IN FORCE WE HAVE TO BE READY FOR THEM!

THIS IS ALL FOR SOUND OFF!

ISHOOSHAMA IT I CAN'T BE THE ONLY ONE WHO MADE IT SOUND OFF!

BALFOUR. SIR, I'M GLAD I'VE GOT ANGELIS HERE. WE

AW NO.

DREDD?

STILL NO SIGN OF HIM, BOSS.

HE DIDN'T JUST DISAPPEAR! HE WAS IN THE ELEVATOR SHAFT. MUST HAVE DROPPED TO A LOWER LEVEL.

THAT GUN ON THE ROOF - THE MASS-DRIVER. WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT IT?

JUST THAT THE ENGINEER DESIGNED IT BROWNTREE

JEB

THOSE BIG TUBES COMING OUT OF IT

THEY SUCK UP RUBBLE AND THINGS FROM THE GROUND.

COLONEL'S MOVEMENT. TO THE NOVUM AND ONE OF THE JUDGES. THEY'VE GOT LANDMINES

THAT'S IT. JUST US FIVE. I SAY WE CUT AND RUN.

NO NO WE'RE FINISHING THIS - NOS PUGNARE AD FINEM.

WHAT THE HELL'S THAT MEAN?

THEIR MOTTO WE FIGHT TO THE END

EASTER GET ME OUT OF THESE CUFFS!

NO CHANCE, BALFOUR CONTACT RENKIN.

BLOCK THE DOOR BEHIND ME - USE THE CRATES.

COLONEL EASTER I DIDN'T WANT THIS!

YOU COST ME MY SHUTTLE MY TEAM - AND MY ARM. WHAT YOU WANTED RENKIN, ISN'T WORTH A SQUAT IN THE BUSHES.

EASTER THREATS CLEARLY HAVEN'T WORKED. LET ME TALK TO HER.

SONS OF SCUE

RENKIN THIS IS JUDGE MAXELL.

YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO CONCEDE DEFEAT JUDGE--

BRAM! BRAM!!

'-- YOU SAW WHAT OUR GUN DID TO THE MARINES' SHUTTLE.'

TERMS ARE SIMPLE - YOU LEAVE WE DON'T DEAMILLION WHAT'S LEFT OF THE CITY

COLONEL WE GOTTA EVAC NOW. SHIP WILL BE IN RANGE IN TEN. BLAST RADIUS IS—

YOU'RE INSANE - I WON'T LET YOU DO THIS!

I'M RIGHT ON THE DROCKIN' EDGE HERE BOY!

NO! WE NEED HIM AND THE JUDGE TO CARRY LANSANG.

—NOW UNCUFF HIM BECAUSE WE GOTTA MOVE!

PERFECT SPOT FOR AN AMBUSH...

THROW DOWN YOUR WEAPONS AND YOU GET TO LIVE!

SMART MOVE. I'M BUSY - ARREST EACH OTHER

BLAMBLAM

BLAM

DROKK

GRUDDAMN HE'S PERSISTENT!

EVERYONE - DREDD'S COMING UP WEST SIDE

GIVE IT UP DREDD! THERE'S NO WAY OUT OF THIS FOR YOU!

OR FOR YOU. HOW LONG DO YOU THINK YOUR BLOCK CAN SURVIVE AGAINST THE REST OF THE CITY?

FOR AS LONG AS WE HAVE THIS L'TTLE BEAUTY

HUH.

WHAT?

A DOZEN ON THE ROOF. I SEE RENKIN COMING TO THE EDGE AND THERE'S A JUDGE. IN CUFFS

LET ME SEE..

THAT'S DREDD I NEED YOUR LONG-RANGE, BALFOUR.

WHY, WHAT'RE YOU--?

GIVE ME YOUR RIFLE OR I'LL TAKE IT FROM YOU.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING? YOU

YOU HAD YOUR SHOT EASTER, NOW I AM TAKING MINE.

THEY'LL SEE THE CUFFS - KNOW THEY SHOULD STAND DOWN.

DOESN'T LOOK LIKE THEY DO KNOW THAT--

- THAT ONE IS AIMING AT YOU.

NONCOM. AT THIS DISTANCE YOU'LL NEVER HIT--

I HAVE A NAME COLONEL...

TO DOLMAN.

BLAM

BDAAM!

SUE PERKINS BLOCK. THE ONLY BLOCK IN TS SECTOR TO SURVIVE THE CHAOS RIOTS...

...HOME TO A BRUTALLY EFFICIENT CITI-DEF GROUP WHO WILL STOP AT NOTH ING TO ENSURE THEIR INDEPENDENCE.

UHNN.

BDAAM BDAAM!

GUHN!

UNFF!

CEASE FIRE - YOU'RE HITTING MARVIN!

BLAM!

BLAM! BLAM! BLAM!

RENKIN!

BROWNTREE - WEAPONS BLOCK! NOW!

I'M ON IT... IT'S DONE!

GO AHEAD LAWMAN - SQUEEZE THE TRIGGER BUT THAT GUN NO LONGER **WORKS.**

IT'S A **FAILSAFE** IN CASE OUR WEAPONS GOT INTO THE WRONG HANDS.

WE GOT THE IDEA FROM YOUR **LAWGIVERS.**

FIRE UP THE GUN - I WANT EVERY BLOCK IN THE SECTOR COMPLETELY LEVELLED.

THE JUDGES ARE GONNA COME FOR US IN FORCE - TAKE DOWN ANYTHING THEY COULD USE FOR COVER

EASTER, CONTACT YOUR SHIP CALL OFF THE AIR STRIKE.

AFTER WHAT THEY DID TO US? NO DROKKIN' WAY DOLMAN

COLONEL, WE HAVE TO MOVE - WE'VE ONLY GOT A COUPLE OF MINUTES TO CLEAR THE SHIP'S BLAST RADIUS

AAAH STOMM!

BLAM!

WHAT THE DROKK - ?

YOU CAN'T ESCAPE THE BLAST RADIUS NOW CALL OFF THE STRIKE.

MAXELL YOU'RE WITH ME. WE'RE GOING IN AFTER DREDD.

THIS IS MUTINY DOLMAN! YOU'LL HANG FOR THIS!

STOMM YOU KNOW WE DON'T STAND A CHANCE AGAINST THAT THING?

ALL I KNOW IS THAT IT CAN'T TARGET THE BUILDING IT'S MOUNTED ON

YOU BROUGHT THIS ON YOURSELF JUDD. ALL WE WANTED WAS FOR THE REST OF THE CITY TO LEAVE US ALONE!

YEAH? WE WERE WILLING TO DO THAT UNTIL YOUR PEOPLE STARTED HIJACKING RELIEF CONVOYS.

RENKIN - THE MARINES ARE COMING BACK!

BLAST THEM.

FFFRAKKCCCOM!

OH GRUD. MY LEGS. DOLMAN, MY LEGS ARE GONE!

GO - GET OUT OF HERE

I'M GONNA COME BACK FOR YOU!

BOSS, THE HOPPER'S RUNNING LOW.

THEN RELOAD!

RENKIN, HE'S - NANK!

KRAK

BLAM! BLAM! BLAM! BLAM!

BDAM BDAM BDAM

KRAKOOM

I THE GRAVITY WELL - NOOOO!

AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAHHH!

EPLAT!

YOU RUINED EVERYTHING DREDD! EVERYTHING!

YOU DROVE ME TO THIS - I'M GONNA BLOW YOUR DROKKIN BRAINS OUT!

WHA - ?
BDAM!
GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN DOLMAN. NICE SAVE.
I'LL SHAKE YOUR HAND AFTER YOU SHUT THIS DAMN THING DOWN.
DO WHAT YOU CAN FOR HIM, WHATEVER IT TAKES. HE'S A JUDGE.
NOT ANY MORE. I RESIGNED REMEMBER?
WE'LL SEE
GO PICK UP MAXELL THEN THE MARINES
WHAT ABOUT YOU?
THERE'S STILL A LOT MORE OF RENKIN'S PEOPLE INSIDE THE BLOCK
GIVE ME A COUPLE OF HOURS.

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DESPERATE TIMES. DESPERATE MEASURES.

"WANT A RECIPE FOR CRIME? THE POPULATION WHO SURVIVED THE CHAOS BUG ARE **TRAUMATISED** AND **STARVING.**

AND WE SIMPLY HAVE NOWHERE NEAR ENOUGH JUDGES ON THE STREETS AND THOSE WE DO HAVE ARE JUST EXHAUSTED.

JUDGES BETRAYED US!

PREACHING TO THE CHOIR HERE MCTIGHE.

GET TO THE POINT WE'RE BUSY

SOCIAL SKILLS ARE IMPROVING EH, DREDD?

ENOUGH, WE'RE ALL ON EDGE.

DREDD'S RIGHT MCTIGHE WHAT'S THIS ABOUT?

IT'S ABOUT ME.

IT'S AN HONOUR TO MEET YOU, CHIEF JUDGE.

DAMMIT WILSON I TOLD YOU TO WAIT FOR MY INTROD—

WE'RE HERE TO TALK ABOUT MY INVENTION, MY DRUG.

I CALL IT "INNOCENCE"

WHAT EXACTLY DOES IT ?
SEND THE PERP IN.
GRUD. RAGE HARD..
ZEALOT BELIEVER IN VIOLENCE FOR ITS OWN SAKE
PLEASE NOTE HE IS NOT RESTRAINED AND HAS AN ARRAY OF WEAPONS WITHIN HIS REACH.
SEND IN GUEDES. PLEASE.
CAN'T SAY I'M IMPRESSED BY THE SEXUAL POLITICS OF THIS WILCOX. YOUD BETTER HAVE A DAMN VALID POINT HERE
JUDGE GUEDES SUGGESTED HERSELF FOR THIS DEMONSTRATION. CHIEF JUDGE.
SHE'S BEEN ASSISTING ME ON THE PROJECT SHE BELIEVES IN IT
HE'S SEDATED. BIG DEAL.
HE'S NOT SEDATED DREDD. EVERY ONE OF HIS SENSES HIS MENTAL FACULTIES ARE WORKING AT ONE HUNDRED PER CENT
INNOCENCE SUBTLY AFFECTS THE BRAINSTEM. IT INCREASES THE MODERATING CAPACITY OF THE LIMBIC CORTICAL AREAS. THE PARTS OF THE BRAIN THAT GENERATE TESTOSTERONE AND AGGRESSIVE URGES.
IN LAYMAN'S TERMS RAGE HARD IS SIMPLY INCAPABLE OF COMMITTING A CRIME AT THE MOMENT
ANY CRIME

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YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS.

GIVEN THE CURRENT SITUATION, I DON'T REALLY THINK WE HAVE A CHOICE.

PERSONAL AMBITION, PURE AND SIMPLE.

YOU THINK I COULDN'T SMELL THAT ON HIM? BUT IF THE DRUG DOES WHAT HE SAYS I'LL ALLOW US TO CONSOLIDATE FOR A BRIEF PERIOD.

WILSON IS BRILLIANT I CAN'T DENY BEST MIND ON A TEK-JUDGE I'VE COME ACROSS IN THE LAST DECADE AND THERE SEEMS TO BE NO SIDE EFFECTS.

IF HE'S RIGHT IT BUYS US ENOUGH BREATHING SPACE TO SAVE THIS CITY.

IF IT WORKS YOU WON'T GET THIS BACK IN THE BOTTLE.

TAKE AWAY THEIR ABILITY TO COMMIT CRIMES AND YOU TAKE AWAY THE WHOLE BASIS OF THE LAW

THE BASIS OF THE LAW DIDN'T EXACTLY HELP THE MILLIONS WHO DIED FROM THE CHAOS BUG.

WE DIDN'T EXACTLY HELP THEM.

MAYBE IT'S TIME WE TRIED SOMETHING NEW.

I'M AUTHORISING A LOCALISED INITIAL TEST DREDD. THREE BLOCK AREA SEALED OFF I'M PLACING YOU AND MCTIGHE IN CHARGE OF THE OPERATION.

I SHARE YOUR RESERVATIONS BUT AT THIS MOMENT... WE **NEED** THIS.

WE DIDN'T EXACTLY HELP THEM.

BLOCKIN' JUDGES TRIED TO POISON US
YOU CAN ALL GO ROT. BRICK TAMLAND BLOCK'S HEAVILY ARMED AND LEANIN' TOWARDS INDEPENDENCE
CONTROL, THIS IS BAKER. I'M HIT. ULACHER'S BADLY WOUNDED. HEAVY BACK-UP URGENTLY REQUESTED
BACK-UP UNAVAILABLE BAKER. TWENTY-FIVE MINUTES EARLIEST
WE'LL BE DEAD IN TWENTY-FIVE -
DREDD RESPONDING.
DREDD. THANK GRUD!
FIFTEEN. MAYBE TWENTY GUNMEN. ULACHER'S OUT BUT I CAN -
STAY THERE.
BAKE. COVERING FIRE
I'M GOING TO SHOW THEM WHAT IT'S LIKE.
DREDD.
BRICK TAMLAN BLOCK.
- YOU'RE LATE

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MINOR INCIDENT EN ROUTE

GRUD ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

HE'S LATE BECAUSE HE DOESN'T APPROVE OF MY PROJECT. HE DOESN'T APPROVE FOR PERSONAL REASONS.

YOU'RE RIGHT I DON'T

THAT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE STARING **REDUNDANCY** IN THE FACE.

YOUR WAY IS THE GUN AND THE STICK AND THAT ETHOS BURNT THIS CITY TO THE GROUND. YOU'RE THE CLASSIC BULLY AND WITHOUT PHYSICALITY YOU'RE NOTHING

BUT THE MIND IS STRONGER.

IF IT WORKS.

GOT THREE BLOCKS FULL OF STARVING CITIZENS OUT THERE YOU STILL NEED TO CONTROL IN YOUR LITTLE TEST

I ALREADY HAVE.

WE STARTED THE TEST TWENTY-FOUR HOURS EARLY. NO TIME LIKE THE PRESENT

WILSON!

CRIMES COMMITTED IN THE THREE TEST BLOCKS SINCE WE INTRODUCED **INNOCENCE** TO THE WATER SUPPLY?

ZERO. JUDGE WILSON.

FEEL FREE TO RETURN TO YOUR MINOR INCIDENTS. DREDD.

THE FUTURE IS UNDER CONTROL HERE.

DON'T..

PLEASE

I'M SORRY!

I'M SORRY ABOUT THE THINGS I SAID. I WAS... I WAS ARROGANT BUT WE'RE DOING SOMETHING REALLY IMPORTANT HERE WE CAN. PLEASE.

WE CAN CHANGE THINGS!

BDAM

SEE HOW THAT SUBTLY AFFECTS THE BRAINSTEM

A JUDGE IS THE LAW.

GET SO USED TO THE UNIFORM YOU FORGET THAT IT'S STILL A MAN WHO MAKES THE CHOICES.

PLEASE DREDD DON'T DO IT! THERE ARE **HALF A BILLION PEOPLE** IN MY CITY HALF A BILLION HUMAN BEINGS. YOU CAN'T JUST WIPE THEM OUT WITH THE PUSH OF A BUTTON!

CAN'T I?

HALF MY CITY IS BURNT TO ASH BY EAST MEG MISSILES - AND YOU'RE BEGGING ME FOR MERCY?

REQUEST DENIED.

AND ANY CHOICE WAS.

REPERCUSSIONS.

INNOCENCE...

A REDUNDANT WORD IN THIS WORLD YOU AGREE WITH ME ON THAT I KNOW.

SO I HAVE A LITTLE INVESTIGATIVE CONUNDRUM FOR THE LEGENDARY LAWMAN.

FOR THE INNOCENCE DRUG TEST AN AREA OF THREE CITY BLOCKS WAS COMPLETELY SEALED OFF. NO ONE IN OR OUT

THE OCCUPANTS WERE THEN GIVEN THE EXPERIMENTAL DRUG WHICH SUCCESSFULLY **REMOVED** THEIR MENTAL ABILITY TO COMMIT ANY CRIME.

THE ONLY PEOPLE ON SITE NOT GIVEN THE DRUG WERE THE CONTROL TEAM OF EIGHT JUDGES

AND THEN **TEK-JUDGE WILSON**, THE INVENTOR OF THE INNOCENCE DRUG WAS - IRONICALLY - MURDERED. SINGLE BULLET. NON-JUSTICE DEPARTMENT ISSUE TO AVOID TRACE.

ALL "INNOCENCE DRUG" FILES WERE DELETED FROM JUSTICE DEPARTMENT MAINFRAMES ALONG WITH ALL SECURITY CAMERA FOOTAGE.

ACTIONS THAT REQUIRED INTIMATE KNOWLEDGE OF THE PROJECT

A JUDGE OF YOUR IMPEACHABLE REPUTATION SHOULD HAVE NO PROBLEM NARROWING THE SEARCH FOR THE KILLER.

SO DREDD, WHO MURDERED WILSON?

A MEMBER OF THE CONTROL TEAM.

I SUPPOSE IT'S JUST A QUESTION OF MOTIVE THEN, ISN'T IT?

GRUD.

THIS IS ALL WE NEED.

YOU WERE VEHEMENTLY AGAINST THE TRIAL AND USE OF THE INNOCENCE DRUG DREDD YOU CONFRONTED WILSON ON THIS FACT THE DAY OF HIS DEATH.
PLUS REPORTS OF YOU ANGRILY STRIDING INTO A CITI-DEF GUNFIGHT HOURS EARLIER. YOU KILLED ELEVEN CITIZENS THERE.
ELEVEN PERPS FIRING UPON WOUNDED OFFICERS.
STILL THE RED MIST WAS UP EH? AND WE'VE ALL SEEN SO MUCH DEATH IN RECENT TIMES, MILLIONS OF CORPSES FROM THE CHAOS BUG.
THAT'LL TIP EVEN THE MOST EXPERIENCED OVER THE EDGE.
AFTER ALL THE CHAOS BUG WAS SENT HERE BY THE SOVS FOR REVENGE.
REVENGE ON YOU.
I WONDER, DID YOU FEEL IN ANY WAY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MILLIONS OF MEGA-CITY ONE CITIZENS KILLED BY -
JUST ASK THE DAMN QUESTION!
DID YOU MURDER EX-JUDGE WILSON?
NO.

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OUT OF CURIOSITY DREDD..

DID YOU WANT WILSON DEAD?

HE'D NEVER LIKED THE LIE DETECTOR IT MADE JUDGES LAZY

PLUS, SOMEONE WITH THE RIGHT TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE OF HOW THEY WORKED COULD FAKE IT

ONE OF THE SEVEN MEMBERS OF THE CONTROL TEAM DID.

NO.

NO.

NO.

GERHART HAD GOT TO J.M. WILSON HAD GOT TO HIM.

AFTER ALL THEY'D BEEN THROUGH, IT WAS INEVITABLE THEY WERE GOING TO FRAY ROUND THE EDGES BUT STILL SUCH DISPLAYS WERE...

...CONCERNING.

ALL INNOCENCE DRUG RECORDS ARE WIPED. WE COULD REVERSE ENGINEER IT FROM THE BLOOD OF THE TEST SUBJECTS BUT THAT'S NEAR IMPOSSIBLE IN THE TIME REMAINING.

IN UNDER AN HOUR THE EFFECTS WILL PASS AND THE CITIZENS WILL RETURN TO NORMAL.

CAN GUEDES HELP? WILSON SAID SHE ASSISTED HIM ON THE PROJECT

ACCORDING TO WILSON SHE PRETTY MUCH CLEANED THE TEST TUBES. THAT WAS T

SHE BELIEVED IN T ENOUGH TO RISK HER L FE IN THAT INTERROGATION CUBE WITH RAGE HARD.

YOU DON'T DO THAT IF YOU JUST CLEANED TEST TUBES.

GUEDES! A WORD!

T WAS EERIE TO SEE CITIZENS STILL UNDER THE EFFECTS OF THE DRUG INCAPABLE OF CRIME

NOT INTIMIDATED OR SCARED. NOT ONE MOMENT'S GUILT INSIDE THEM.

IT MADE THE REAL THING EASY TO SPOT

DREDD? WHAT... WHAT CAN I...?

YOU HAD MORE TO DO WITH THE MAKING OF THE INNOCENCE DRUG THAN WILSON SAID

IT'S STILL AIRBORNE INSIDE THE BLOCKS FOR ANOTHER TWELVE MINUTES. YOU KNOW

THAT'S HOW WE GAVE IT TO THE CITIZENS A LIQUID THAT REACTED WITH THE WATER SUPPLY AND EVAPORATED INTO THE AIR INTAKE.

WHICH MEANS YOU'RE BREATHING IT IN RIGHT NOW.

WHAT'S YOUR POINT?

YOU... YOU'RE INCAPABLE OF COMMITTING A CRIME HERE.

EVERYONE WAS SUPPOSED TO BE INCAPABLE. WE WERE GOING TO CHANGE THE WORLD.

WILSON TOOK T TO M TGHE HE SAID I'D NEVER BE ABLE TO SELL IT TO THEM EVEN THOUGH I MADE IT AND HE WAS RIGHT

BUT HE SAID HE'D TELL THEM ABOUT ME IF T WAS A SUCCESS.

PUT YOUR GUN DOWN, GUEDES. LAST WARNING.

HE LIED. I TRUSTED HIM. IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE PURE BUT HE STOLE IT FROM ME

I WON'T LET WILSON TAKE THE CREDIT. I'D RATHER DIE AND TAKE INNOCENCE WITH ME AND ... I CAN'T GO TO TITAN.

OK. WHAT? YOU CAN'T SHOOT ME

YOU CAN'T COMMIT ANY CRIME!

THIS ISN'T A CRIME.

IT'S THE LAW.

CONTROL - DREDD. REQUEST MEDIC TO FLOOR OF TEST AREA.

YOU'LL LIVE GUEDES AND YOU WILL SEE TITAN.

..REPERCUSSIONS

PAYBACK

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MEGA-CITY ONE 2154. AFTER THE DEVASTATING CHAOS BUG AND THE SUBSEQUENT RIOTS, MUCH OF THE ONCE-GREAT CITY LIES IN RUINS.

BLIP YA GOTTA GET UP HERE MAN. WANNA THE CLEAN-UP CREWS BIN HERE YET - WE GOT A WHOLE BUG LOADA DEAD TOURISTS!

OH MAN - IS THAT A PICNIC BASKET?

MEGCURSION
YOU'VE JUST LIVED UNT

PLANKY DON'T TELL PEOPLE YOU SPLUGGIN' IDIOT. THE JATS MONITOR PHONE CALLS. MORE CITS KNOW LESS STUFF THERE'LL BE FOR US!

ONE MAN OF FUN

JONES.. GUYS. THERE'S A DULT OVER THERE BEEN TORN RIGHT DOWN THE MIDDLE!

OH MAN - THAT ONE MUSTA LIVED THROUGH THE CRASH. LOOK'S LIKE HIS HAND GOT TRAPPED AN' HE TRIED TA CHEW THROUGH HIS OWN ARM!

RATS BEEN HERE RECKON. MOSTA THESE STIFFS'VE GOT THEIR EYES EATEN OUT!

GOTTA TELL YA, GUYS..

THIS IS THE BEST DAY EVER!

SHAWN. GET MOVIN! JUST FIND WHATEVER FOOD THEY GOT AN' BRING T UP. SOONER WE -

ONE MAN OF FUN

WHAT? SOONER WE WHAT?

DRINK A DONKEY!

CONTROL TO DREDD LOOTER: ON SKYBOARD! YOUR VICINITY MACROSHAN ELEVATED JNCT EAST OF JUNCTION NO SHOTS FIRED

ACKNOWLEDGED CONTROL ADVISE NEAREST **WORK CREW** TO PREPARE FOR NEW ARRIVALS.

LET ME MAKE THIS **SIMPLE** SO YOU CREEPS CAN UNDERSTAND I –

– LOOTING THE DEAD IS A CRIME BUT FOR YOU IT'S **MORE** THAN THAT

CONSIDER IT AN **APPRENTICESHIP**

TWO YEARS **WORK DETAIL** CADET POGNER CORPSE LOCATION AND DISPOSAL.

WILCO IT'S NOT LIKE THE STIFFS ARE GONNA WALK **THEMSELVES** TO RESYK

NOT **THIS** TIME ANYWAY

SHE SAID THAT TO YOU? HILL THAT'S WHAT YOU GET WHEN YOU PUT CADETS ON THE STREET

IT'S NOT LIKE WE HAVE A CHOICE

YOU SEEM TO BE RECOVERING WELL DOLMAN.

YEAH. BROKE BONES I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW I HAD. BUT THE DOCS DID A GOOD JOB.

SO WHAT BROUGHT YOU BACK THIS TIME?

HEARD ABOUT THE BUG. I COULD HARDLY STAY AWAY

YOU, RICO VIENNA -

YOU'RE MY FAMILY AND RIGHT NOW I CAN DO MORE GOOD HERE THAN ON SOME DESERTED ROCK IN DEEP SPACE.

HOVERBARS

NOT SAYING I'M GONNA PUT BACK ON THE HELMET BUT -

- PUT THIS UP TO TWO 60 WILL YOU?

BUT THE CITY SPENT **YEARS** TRAINING ME TO BE A JUDGE. I FIGURE I OUGHT TO GIVE SOMETHING BACK

ESPECIALLY NOW THAT THE CITY NEEDS ALL THE HELP IT CAN GET

COLONEL EASTER.

DREDD, AND YOUR LITTLE PALS STILL HERE.

YOU KNOW HE DELIBERATELY SHOT BALFOUR IN THE LEG?*

*THARGOID: SEE PROG 1196.

TO FORCE YOU TO CALL OFF THE AIRSTRIKE.

I WOULD HAVE DONE THE SAME.

I'M SURE YOU WOULD. YOU'RE BASICALLY THE SAME PERSON

WHAT DO YOU WANT EASTER? BALFOUR'S RECOVERED. THERE'S NONE OF YOUR PEOPLE HERE.

SHE'S WITH ME.

GENERAL FLOYD GILMORE. YOUR PEOPLE TOLD ME I'D FIND YOU HERE DREDD. THOUGHT YOU JUDGES NEVER TOOK A BREAK?

GILMORE

WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU, GENERAL?

WE HAVE TO TALK. AFTER WHAT YOUR BOY HERE DID THE SITUATION HAS BECOME... DIFFICULT

YOUR CIVILIANS WERE MORE HAPPY TO SEE US AT FIRST

BUT WORD HAS REACHED THEM TODAY COLONEL EASTER ORDERED AN AIRSTRIKE ON THAT BLOCK

THEY KNOW THAT WE HAVE NO JUDICIAL AUTHORITY

THE PEOPLE NO LONGER RESPECT US OR TRUST US

AND NOW THAT HER THEY HAVE ESTABLISHED HER NO KILL POLICY THEY DON'T EVEN FEAR US.

WE LOST SEVEN-EIGHTHS OF OUR POPULATION, GENERAL. THE CITY WAS ALMOST DESTROYED. A LIVE PERP CAN WORK
- A DEAD ONE IS JUST MORE WORK FOR EVERYONE ELSE
A DEAD PERP DOESN'T NEED TO BE FED OR HOUSED.
I'VE GOT A MEETING WITH HERSHEY
SHE WANTS YOU THERE TOO. WE GOT A LOT TO STRAIGHTEN OUT
FAR AS I'M CONCERNED THERE'S NOTHING TO DISCUSS.
SURE THERE IS. WAY IT WORKS IN THE CORPS... SOMEONE HURTS YOU, YOU HURT THEM BACK
YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT THE SONS
RIGHT. MORE SPECIFICALLY I'M TALKING ABOUT RETRIBUTION.
I'M TALKING ABOUT PAYBACK

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WITH JUDGES NUMBERS SEVERELY DEPLETED AFTER THE CHAOS RIOTS THE CHIEF JUDGE HAS ORDERED THE SPACE CORPS BACK TO MEGA-CITY ONE.

BUT THE MARINES ARE NOT SETTLING IN WELL AND GENERAL GRIMORE AND JUDGE DREDD ARE EN ROUTE TO A TOP-LEVEL MEETING WITH THE CHIEF JUDGE ..

SCUTTLEBUTT SAYS YOU'RE DREDD'S CLONE BOLMAN SO DOES THAT MAKE HIM YOUR BROTHER OR YOUR FATHER? OR YOUR MOTHER? GOTTA BE CONFUSING.

WHAT DO YOU WANT EASTER?

YOU SHOT ONE OF MY MEN!

RIGHT AND I'D DO IT AGAIN IF I HAD TO

- YOU WERE WILLING TO KILL TWENTY THOUSAND CITIZENS JUST BECAUSE -

THEY ATTACKED US - THEY KILLED FIFTEEN OF MY SQUAD!

NO. THE BLOCKS CITI DEF KILLED YOUR PEOPLE

EASTER, I GET THAT YOU'RE PISSED YOU LOST YOUR ARM, BUT I DON'T SEE WHY YOU'RE ANGRY WITH ME - I SAVED YOUR LIFE OUT THERE

THE ANSWER IS STILL NO GENERAL

THEN WHAT'S TO STOP THEM DOING IT AGAIN?

THEY'RE DEAD.

SEE THAT BURNS ME THIS, BOY THINKS HE KNOWS BETTER THAN US.

HE BEGS US FOR A RIDE BACK TO EARTH, PASSES HIMSELF OFF AS AN ADVISOR

...AND THEN GOES AND

ENOUGH TALKIN'

YOU ATTACK ONE OF US DROKKER, YOU ATTACK ALL OF US.

SO YOU GOT A BEATIN' COMIN' AND YOU'RE GONNA TAKE IT

MASON THE DOOR! NO ONE GETS OUT 'TIL WE'RE DONE

AND NO CALLIN' THE JUDGES NEITHER.

FASTER

WE MARINES GOT OUR OWN BRAND OF JUSTICE

THAT'S NOT RETRIBUTION, GENERAL... THAT'S A **BLOOD FEUD.**

I CAN'T BELIEVE I'M **HEARING** THIS!

THE SONS KILLED THREE HUNDRED AND FIFTY **MILLION** OF US AND YOU'RE GOING TO DO **NOTHING?**

THAT'S NOT WHAT I **SAID** GENERAL! WE **WILL**

THE DEMOCRATS ARE RIGHT ABOUT ONE THING... THIS CITY'S JUDICIAL SYSTEM IS FLAWED.

YOU'RE **WEAK**

THIS WHOLE SYSTEM HAS BEEN A GRUDDAMN JOKE FOR YEARS. I MEAN, **FRANCISCO?** YOU PICKED A PROKKIN' TV **STAR** TO BE YOUR CHIEF JUDGE?

DON'T LIKE THAT MUCH, DO YA?

AGAIN COLONEL WE GOTTA MAKE SURE THIS LITTLE FART **HEARS** THE MESSAGE

YOU HEAR IT DOLMAN?

HUH? YOU HEAR THE MESSAGE?

SOVUS.. THEY'RE KILLING HIM!

WE HAVE TO CALL THE JUDGES!

NO DOC YOU AIN'T CALLIN' ANYONE. NO ONE SAW NOTHIN' YOU GET ME?

GENERAL I UNDERSTAND BELIEVE ME. YOU WANT TO STRIKE BACK AGAINST THE SOVS FOR WHAT THEY DID!

BUT THE PEOPLE WHO CREATED THE BUG AND THOSE WHO GAVE THE ORDER TO DO SO. THEY'RE ALREADY DEAD.

SO WHO WOULD YOU HAVE US RETALIATE AGAINST?

ANY ATTACK ON THE SOV BLOK WOULD BE A STRIKE AGAINST TO CITIZENS. THEY HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS. THEY'RE INNOCENT

AS INNOCENT AS THE EAST-MEG CITS BACK IN **ALIGHT FOUR**. YOU REMEMBER THAT? LITTLE THING THEY CALL THE **APOCALYPSE WAR**?

WE NUKED THE **CRAP** OUTTA EAST-MEG ONE FOR WHAT THEY DID!

AN ACTION THAT ULTIMATELY LED US TO WHERE WE ARE TODAY

THE SOVS ATTACK US. WE STRIKE BACK. THEY RETALIATE. WE DON'T LIKE THAT SO WE HIT THEM AGAIN.

HOW LONG, GENERAL? HOW LONG DOES THIS INSANITY HAVE TO GO ON BEFORE

SHUT THE DROKK UP DREDD!

YOU LED THE ATTACK ON EAST-MEG ONE - YOU'RE THE ONE WHO SET US ON THIS PATH

I KNOW

AT THE TIME I BELIEVED I WAS THE RIGHT THING TO DO.

NOW... I WOULD BE A LIE TO SAY THAT I HAVE NO REGRETS.

ENOUGH. COLONEL. HE'S DONE.

WELL, WE'RE IN THE SAME DAMN SITUATION NOW DREDD.

YOU JUDGES CLAIM TO BE TOUGH. BUT YOU DON'T HAVE THE STONES TO DO WHAT'S NECESSARY

WE HAVE THE BRAINS TO DO WHAT'S RIGHT. JUSTICE ISN'T ABOUT REVENGE. IT'S ABOUT BALANCE.

YOUR MARINES WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE BACK-UP TO JUSTICE DEPARTMENT OPERATING UNDER YOUR CONTROL BUT FOLLOWING OUR ORDERS.

THERE WILL BE NO UNAUTHORIZED ACTION TAKEN AGAINST THE SOVS.

SO YOU'RE JUST GONNA SIT BACK AND DO NOTHING. YOU'RE GONNA QUIT
THIS IS NOT OPEN TO DEBATE GENERAL
JUDGES DON'T QUIT GILMORE WE NEVER QUIT YOU KNOCK US DOWN -
- WE GET UP AGAIN, WE FIGHT ON
BUT AS HERCHEY SAYS, IT'S A MATTER OF BALANCE THE PUNISHMENT MUST FIT THE CRIME AND BE ADMINISTERED ONLY TO THE GUILTY
TAKE ME BACK TO THE MEDICAL CENTRE. YOUR MARINES WILL HAVE SETTLED EVERYTHING WITH DOLMAN BY NOW.
YOU KNEW WHAT THEY WERE DOING?
YEAH, SURE HOPE HE WENT EASY ON THEM.
WHAT THE FRICKN HAPPENED HERE?
BEATS THE HELL OUTTA ME GENERAL
NOBODY SAW NOTHIN'

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SEALED

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BEFORE THE CHAOS IT WAS LIKE THE JUDGES WERE EVERYWHERE. YOU COULDN'T SCRATCH YOUR BUTT WITHOUT GETTING A CITATION.

WE HATED THEM. EVERYONE HATED THEM.

THIS ONE TIME, MY COUSIN WAS DETAINED FOR NEARLY A WEEK JUST BECAUSE HE ACCIDENTALLY BUMPED INTO A JUDGE. THEY INFESTED THE CITY LIKE -

JUST STICK TO THE RELEVANT FACTS, HERBERT

THAT ONE IS RELEVANT. SEE WE COULD HEAR THE JUDGE'S LAWMASTER COMING FROM TWO BLOCKS AWAY.

RIGHT OKAY UM. YOU GROW UP IN THE MEG YOU DON'T NOTICE HOW LOUD IT IS UNTIL THE BACKGROUND NOISE IS SUDDENLY STRIPPED AWAY AND ALL THAT'S LEFT IS -

YOU'RE DOING IT AGAIN.

WE WERE LOOKING FOR SOMEWHERE TO BED DOWN FOR THE NIGHT. WE'D HAD A GOOD DAY SCAVENGING - '

LOOTING.

NO SCAVENGING.

WE WERE ONLY LOOKING FOR FOOD. THAT'S A BASIC HUMAN RIGHT THAT -

I DON'T CARE. JUST TELL ME WHAT HAPPENED IN RANDAL KLEISER

ALL RIGHT ALL RIGHT...

THAT BLOCK'S KIND OF A **MAZE** INSIDE BUT IVAN USED TO LIVE THERE HE KNEW HIS WAY AROUND

STAIRS OVER THAT WAY

THE JUDGES HAD ALREADY - AS THEY PUT IT - **SANITISED** THE BLOCK BUT THE CLEAN-UP CREWS HAD BARELY STARTED ON THE SECTOR

WE FIGURED THE JUDGES'D BE TRACKING OUR THERMAL SIGNATURES, BUT DECAYING BODIES GIVE OFF A LOT OF HEAT

JOVUS... HERB WE GOTTA STOP! I CAN'T -

IT'LL TAKE HIM **FOREVER** TO FIND US LET'S PICK AN APARTMENT AND. HEY..

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THAT'S THE **DOUGLASS** PLACE TY COG OF **THOSE** DROKKERS THAT I HADDA MOVE OUTTA THIS BLOCK

THEY'RE THE ONES KEPT REPORTING YOU TO THE BLOCK MANAGER FOR BEIN' UNTIDY?

YEAH. WENT ON FOR **YEARS.**

LET'S SEE WHAT THEY'VE LEFT FOR US.

GOOD IVAN, YOU NEVER SAID THEY HAD A **KID.**

I, I DIDN'T **KNOW**

KID IN THE BUBBLE SAID HIS NAME WAS **STEWART**

HE COULD BARELY TALK BUT HE MANAGED TO TELL US THAT HE HAD NO IMMUNE SYSTEM. HE'D BEEN IN THE BUBBLE ALL HIS LIFE.

YOU CAN'T GET OUT?

IT D-DOESN'T OPEN.

HOW COME THE JUDGES DIDN'T FIND HIM WHEN THEY WAS OFFIN' THE INFECTED?

GUESS HIS LIFE-SIGNS DIDN'T REGISTER THROUGH THE BUBBLE.

THE BUBBLE'S SYSTEMS DREW MOISTURE OUT OF THE AIR SO HE WAS OKAY FOR WATER BUT HE HADN'T EATEN IN WEEKS.

THERE AIN'T A SCRAP OF FOOD LEFT NEXT DOOR MAYBE THEY -

HERE - HEARD SOMETHING OUTSIDE!

DROP YOUR WEAPONS - HANDS WHERE I CAN SEE THEM!

LET US GO, JUDGE OR I'LL SHOOT!

THE UNFILTERED AIR WILL GET IN AN' THE KID'LL DIE!

I WAS HALF EXPECTING A SHOT TO THE HEAD BUT DREDD JUST ASKED THE KID HIS NAME. THEN HE SAID -

CONTROL - NEED A MED-WAGON ASAP APARTMENT 2316 RANDAL KLEIGER BLOCK AND GET ME BACKGROUND ON THE REGISTERED OCCUPANTS.

HOW'D YOU EVEN FIND US IN HERE?

YOUR VOICES - REST OF THE BLOCK IS LIKE A MORGUE

JUST LET US GO JUDGE - WE WEREN'T DOING ANYTHING WRONG!

WE WAS LOOKIN' FOR FOOD THAT'S ALL!

LOOTING'S A CRIME YOU KNOW THAT

WE'RE STARVING TO DEATH OUT THERE BECAUSE YOU JUDGES WEREN'T ABLE TO PROTECT US

- NOW HUNTING FOR FOOD MAKES US CRIMINALS?

DESPERATE TIMES DES-PERATE MEASURES, CREEP. EVEN IF LOOTING WASN'T A CRIME, THREATENING THE LIFE OF ANOTHER CITIZEN IS.

GO AHEAD. CONTROL

WHILE DREDD WAS LISTENING TO HIS PEOPLE PINKY LOOKED AROUND TO ME AND SAID -

HE CAN'T TAKE ALL OF US I'M GOIN FOR IT!

I MUST HAVE BLINKED OR SOMETHING.

I MEAN FOR AN OLD GUY DREDD MOVES FAST

FOUR PERFECT SHOTS AND I SWEAR I DIDN'T EVEN SEE HIS HAND MOVE

THE BOY IS STEWART VEGA DOUGLAS. THIRTEEN YEARS OLD. REGISTERED AS HOME SCHOOLED

HIS PARENTS WERE MATTEO AND MARTI. WELL KNOWN TO JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

PARENTS WERE NEAT FREAKS. LIKED EVERYTHING TIDY LODGED HUNDREDS OF COMPLAINTS ABOUT THEIR NEIGHBOURS.

WHAT HAVE YOU **GOT** IN HERE?

I-JUST FOOD I SWEAR

DREDD HAD A REP ANYONE WHO'D HEARD OF HIM KNEW THAT HE WASN'T THE TALKY KIND OF JUDGE

NOT MANY **ARE** I GUESS.

CRUMBIES! MAKE A MESS. JUDGE

MAN. I'LL BE IN **TROUBLE**. I'M NOT **ALLOWED**.

I'M ALLOWING IT SON. GO AHEAD - EAT

I'M NOT SAYING THAT DREDD'S GONE **SOFT** JUST THAT THIS WASN'T WHAT I'D BEEN LED TO EXPECT FROM HIM.

JUDGE. I.

IF YOU WERE GOING TO DO T YOU ALREADY WOULD HAVE.

SEE TO YOUR FRIENDS PUT PRESSURE ON THEIR WOUNDS, DON'T WANT THEM BLEEDING TO DEATH.

FIVE YEARS APIECE WOULD HAVE BEEN SIX MONTHS FOR LOOTING BUT YOU GOT FIREARMS OFFENCES ON TOP OF THAT

STEWART GET BACK AGAINST THE FAR WALL AND COVER YOUR FACE.

DREDD - **NO**! HE'LL DIE!

CRASH!

HIS MEDICAL RECORDS SHOW HE'S IN PERFECT HEALTH.

HIS PARENT WERE NOT REGISTERED OWNERS OF AN ISOLATION UNIT

EVERYONE THINKS THE JUDGES ARE TOO HARD ON THE PEOPLE

THIRTEEN YEARS AGO A NEW UN T WENT MISSING EN ROUTE TO MERCY SOUTH HOSPITAL.

STEWART'S MOTHER WORKED FOR THE SHIPPING COMPANY

BUT WE DONT GET TO SEE THE STORM THEY HAVE TO DEAL WITH EVERY DAY

LIKE A COUPLE SO OBSESSED WITH CLEANLINESS THAT THEY IMPRISONED THEIR OWN SON JUST SO HE WOULDN'T MAKE THE PLACE UNTIDY

LET'S GO

ALL THE WAY BACK DOWN, THE KID WAS PANICKING HE KEPT SAYING THAT THEY COULDN'T LEAVE THE BROKEN GLASS SOMEONE HAD TO CLEAN UP THE MESS.

AND DREDD?

HE DIDN'T SAY T BUT I'M SURE HE WAS THINKING IT

THAT'S WHAT THE JUDGES ARE FOR. CLEANING UP THE MESS.

THE PITS

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I REMEMBER A QUOTE FROM A BOOK I ONCE READ IN PSI-DIV'S **FORBIDDEN LIBRARY**

THE AUTHOR - E.J. GOLD - MAINTAINED THAT MANKIND WAS A **ZOMBIE RACE** AND ENCOURAGED THE WORLD TO WAKE UP -

TO CELEBRATE OUR RUINED CITY OUR FASHIONS ECHO THE THEMES OF **DEATH** AND **DESTRUCTION!**

WHICH IS WHY HIS BOOKS WERE **BANNED**. I GUESS.

BARGAINS FOR ALL! STOCK GOING FAST

GOLD WROTE: 'MAN IS A MACHINE FOR PRODUCING SHIT'

THEY LOOK SO REAL!

GREAT DESIGNS!

IT'S TWENTY YEARS SINCE I READ IT AND I'VE THOUGHT ABOUT IT MOST DAYS SINCE - EVERY TIME I'VE HAD TO DEAL WITH SOME DEVIANT LOWLIFE PERP

THIEF THIEF!

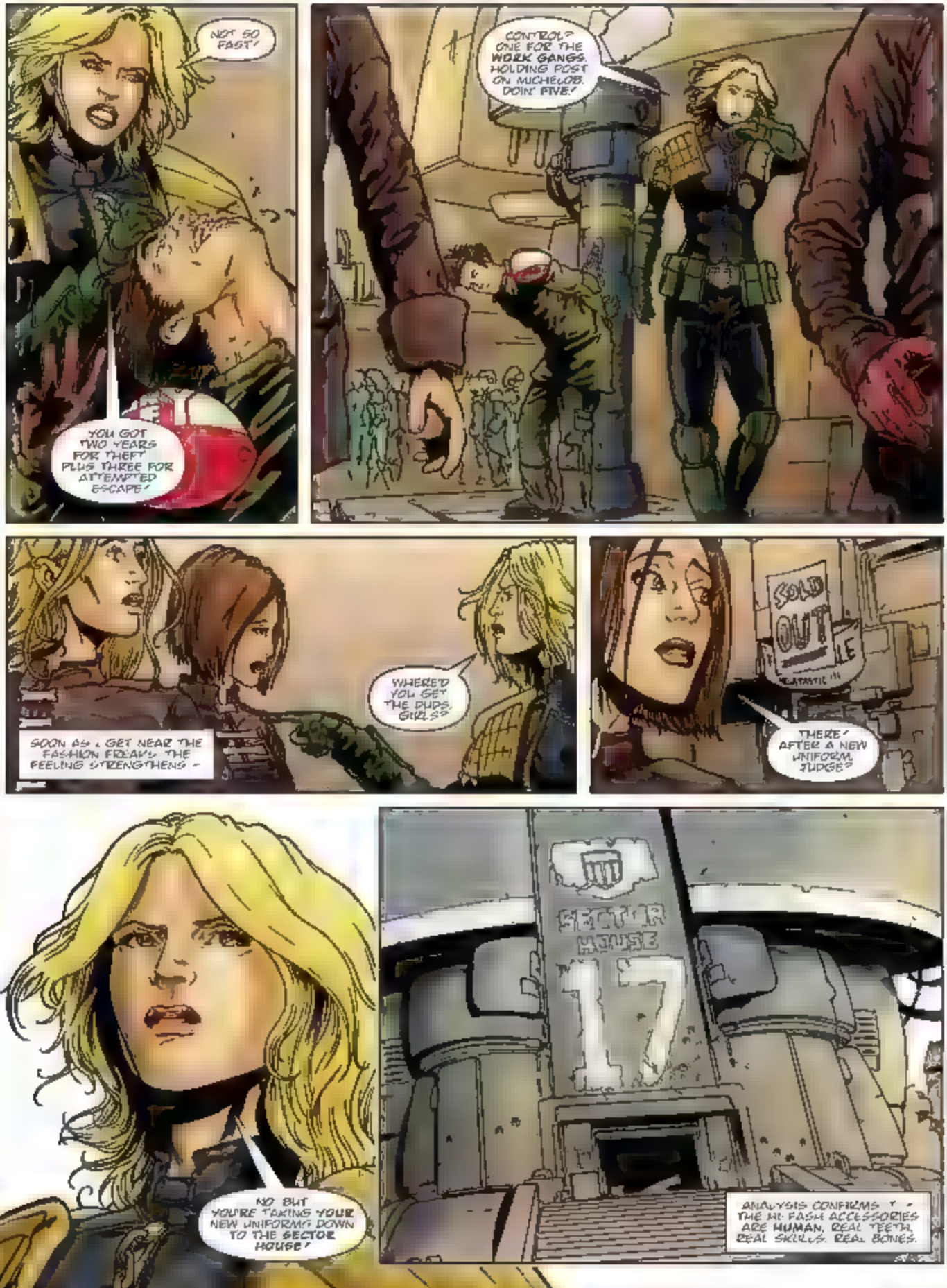
- BUT NEVER AS MUCH AS I HAVE TODAY

SHOULDN'T PICK ON OLD LADIES, CREEP -

US YOUNGER LADIES DON'T LIKE IT -

THESE ARE PRETTY DROKKIN' COOL!

CHEEZ! WHERE THE DROKK DID THAT COME FROM?


NOT SO FAST!
YOU GOT TWO YEARS FOR THEFT PLUS THREE FOR ATTEMPTED ESCAPE!
CONTROL? ONE FOR THE WORK GANGS. HOLDING POST ON MICHELOB. DOIN' FIVE!
SOON AS I GET NEAR THE FASHION FREAKS THE FEELING STRENGTHENS -
WHERE'D YOU GET THE DUDS, GIRLS?
SOLD OUT
THERE! AFTER A NEW UNIFORM, JUDGE?
NO BUT YOU'RE TAKING YOUR NEW UNIFORMS DOWN TO THE SECTOR HOUSE!
SECTOR HOUSE 17
ANALYSIS CONFIRMS - THE MI FASHE ACCESSORIES ARE HUMAN. REAL TEETH. REAL SKULLS. REAL BONES.

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BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU BUY IN FUTURE CITIZENS!
YO, DREDD.
YOU OKAY?
WHY WOULDN'T I BE?
THIS, MAYBE?
I KNOW HOW YOU MUST FEEL. BUT TAKE IT FROM ME YOU CAN'T BLAME YOURSELF FOR THE CHAOS BUG
PSYCHOTHERAPY SESSION OVER? CAN I KEEP MY DATE WITH THE SLEEP MACHINE?
SURE UNLESS YOU'D LIKE TO HELP ME?
- TELL HIM ABOUT THE STORE -
THEY WERE SELLING GENUINE BODY PARTS DECKED OUT AS FASHION STATEMENTS?
WHERE'D THEY GET 'EM?
MY HUNCH IS THEY'VE RAIDED A BURIAL PIT OUT IN THE CURSED EARTH.
PITS WERE SEALED WITH RIOT FOAM. YOU CHECKED SAT-SCANS FOR ANY BREACH?
DOIN' IT NOW.
MAGNIFY.
COULD BE THE PERPS - PLUNDERING THE CORPSES, THEN SHIPPING WHAT THEY GET TO THE MEG FOR SALE.
DROKK. THOSE BODIES MUST BE SEMI-LIQUEFIED BY NOW!

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NO POINT ASKING FOR MORE BUTTS ON BIKES. SECTOR'S UNDERMANNED AS IT IS.

YOU WITH ME?

I'VE GONE FOUR DAYS WITHOUT SLEEP. ANOTHER FEW HOURS WON'T HURT.

WE RIDE OUT THROUGH A MASSIVE HOLE SOME CITY-DEF HAD BLASTED IN THE WEST WALL.

GOTTA ADMIT. CURSED EARTH LOOKS MORE APPEALING THAN THE CITY DOES.

I CAN'T TAKE MUCH MORE OF THIS. IT'S GRUESOME

QUIT WHININ'. YOU GOT A NICE HAUL. THINK OF THE CREDS.

READY FOR ANOTHER TRIP?

NO.

BUT I'M THINKING OF THE CREDS.

YOUR HUNCH WAS RIGHT

TWO GUARDS DOWNSLOPE E. EVEN O'CLOCK

PITY THERE AIN'T A QUICKER WAY TO LOOT 'EM. LONGER WE TAKE MORE LIKELY THE JUDGES WILL CATCH ON.

THEY'RE TOO BUSY CLEANIN' UP THE MESS TO BOTHER WITH US

THAT A FACT MEATHEAD?

YOU'LL BE ABLE TO REFLECT ON IT WHEN YOU'RE DOIN' TWENTY ON A WORK-GANG!

THUNK!

I DON'T WANT TO SEE THIS! JUST BEING CLOSE TO IT MAKES ME WANT TO PUKE.

DAMNED GRAVE ROBBERS!

THOUGHTS OF DEATH AND DECAY CROWL LIKE MAGGOTS TO ROUGH MY BRAIN. WHICH IS WHY I MISS THE THIRD GUY -

GUNS ON GROUND LAWDOGS!

EASY NOW NO TRICKS.

DOESN'T NEED A PSI TO TELL WHAT DREDD'LL DO

BOOTKNIFE!

FISHING SEASON'S OVER CREEPS!

JUDGES! SHOOT

NO.

SHOT

BLAM

BLAM

UP YOU COME!

YOU'RE UNDER ARREST!

I'M ONLY MAKIN' A LIVIN' JUDGE, SEEMED NOBODY ELSE IS... WE REDISTRIBUTING WEALTH THIS WAY

SO ME AND MY BUDDIES DECIDED -

- TO MAKE THE MOST OF THE SITUATION!

ANDERSON!

AN H-BOMB OF HORROR EXPLODES INSIDE ME -

- AND EVERYTHING STARTS TO FADE AWAY

PROKK NO PSI COULD COPE WITH THAT!

RESPIRATOR DOWN!

KOFF KOFF!

YOU CREEPS LIKE IT SO MUCH, YOU CAN STAY DOWN THERE!

HI-EX!

BAHCOOM!

GOLD WAS RIGHT MAN IS A MACHINE FOR PRODUCING SHIT -

AND THE SHIT HE PRODUCES ONLY GETS WORSE

YOU OKAY ANDERSON?

AND THE WORLD WILL NEVER WAKE UP

WHO WHY WOULD I BE...?

SAVE HIM

PSI-DIVISION HEADQUARTERS.

THANK YOU FOR COMING, DREDD.

ALTHOUGH I'M A LITTLE UNSURE WHY IT TOOK YOU SO LONG.

WE'RE KIND OF SHORT OF NUMBERS SINCE **CHAOS DAY** RON/RON, YOU MAY HAVE HEARD.

YES, WELL THAT'S PARTLY WHY I CALLED YOU.

THIS IS **SALAS** HUGELY PROMISING PSI CADET

EXTRAORDINARILY TALENTED. POSSIBLY THE BEST WE'VE SEEN SINCE CASSANDRA ANDERSON. POTENTIALLY BETTER

THIS HAPPENED ON CHAOS DAY. HE COULDN'T SHUT OUT THE **PSYCHIC NOISE** OF ALL THOSE DEATHS AND HAS BEEN CATATONIC EVER SINCE

WE'VE TRIED TO PROBE HIS MIND BUT THERE'S SOME KIND OF... **BLOCKAGE** THERE.

WHAT'S THIS GOT TO DO WITH ME?

HE'S NOT REACTED TO OR MADE A NOISE IN THE TIME SINCE CHAOS DAY. BUT EVERY NOW AND AGAIN HE SAYS ONE SOLITARY WORD:

DREDD.

NEVER SEEN HIM BEFORE WHAT'S HIS CONNECTION TO ME?

NONE THAT WE'RE AWARE OF WE HOPED THAT YOU MIGHT KNOW SOMETHING OR YOUR COMING HERE MIGHT HELP HIM IN SOME WAY

LOOKS LIKE IT DIDN'T

IF ANYTHING DEVELOPS YOU KNOW WHERE TO FIND..

ME

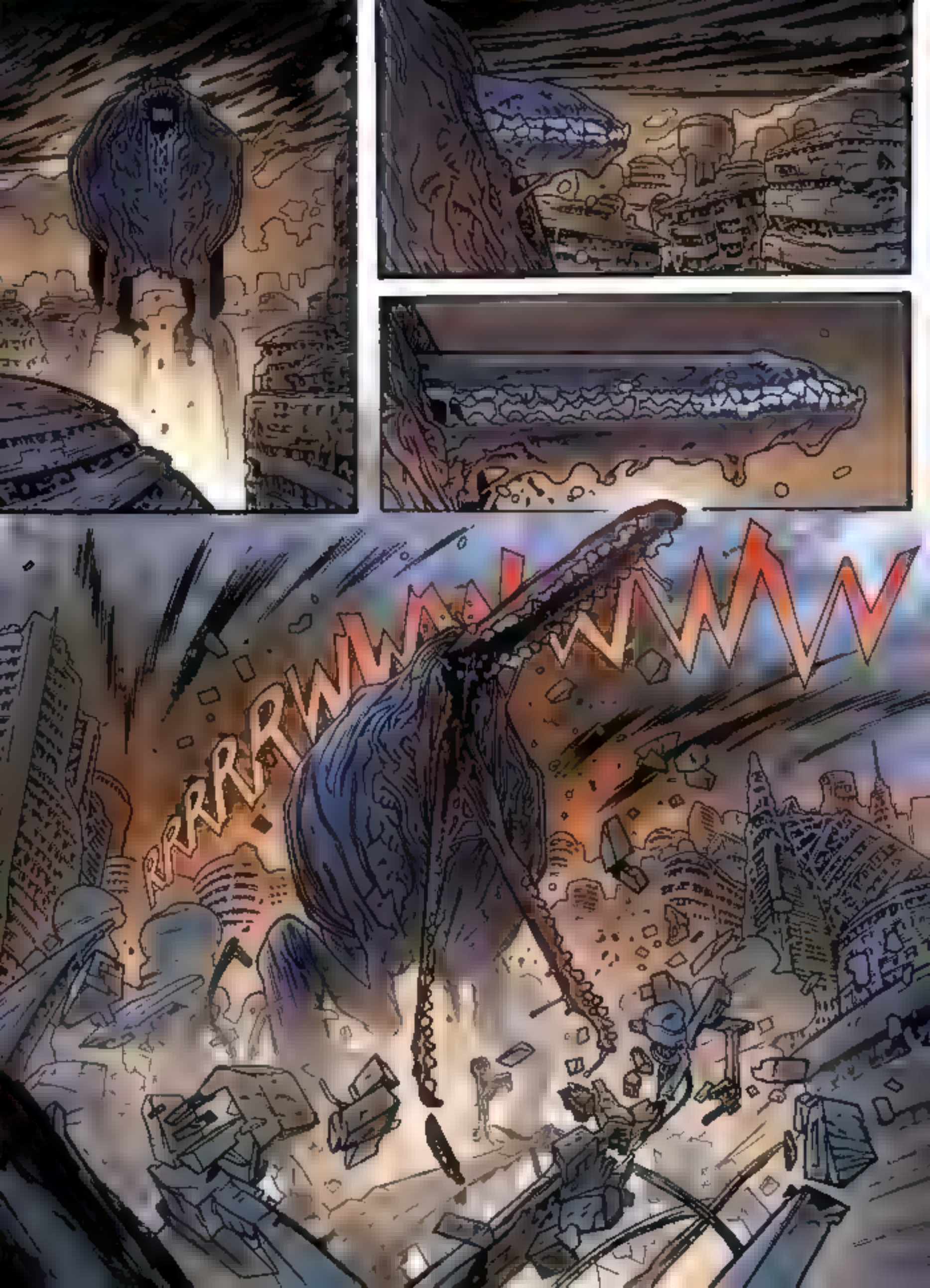
SALAS?

WHAT DID YOU DO?

RONSON!

MEGA-CITY ONE

YOUR CITY.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LOOKS LIKE I FOUND YOUR 'BLOCKAGE'

COME ON.

TIME TO NOT BE CATATONIC

THIS... THIS IS...

WE'RE IN MY MIND...

YEAH. I FIGURED THAT

HIGH-EXPLOSIVE!

BLAM

IF YOU DIE HERE YOUR MIND DIES.

BOOM

THIS ISN'T MY FIRST RUN ROUND THE PSYCHIC BLOCK

I KNOW THE SCORE

AND YOU'RE NOT GOING TO DIE HERE

DROKK — !

YOU WEREN'T LISTENING.

I SAID, IF YOU DIE HERE

UNFF !

DON'T YOU GET IT? I DIDN'T CALL YOU HERE FOR YOUR HELP

I WAS CALLING YOU HERE SO THE DEAD OF MEGA-CITY ONE COULD HAVE THEIR REVENGE

ON YOU.

THAT'S WHAT THIS THING IS. THE POISONED DISEASED SOULS OF ALL THOSE MILLIONS MURDERED BY THE CHAOS BUG

I FELT THE RIPS AND TEARS OF THEIR SCREAMS AS THEIR SKINS BOILED AND BUBBLED. I HEARD THEIR INNARDS FROTH AND BURST WITH RAGE

IT WAS HORRIFIC AND IT HAPPENED TO THEM.

AND I KNOW - EVERY JUDGE KNOWS - IT HAPPENED BECAUSE OF YOU

YOU KNOW WHY THE SOVS SENT THE BUG.

LOOK AT WHAT YOU DID TO YOUR CITY DREDD.

THERE WILL BE PUNISHMENT FOR YOUR CRIMES.

THE SCREAMS REQUIRE IT THEY TOLD ME TO BRING YOU TO THEM AND LET THEM FEED

AND THEN THEY WILL LET ME BE FREE

AND I WILL BUILD A NEW MEGA-CITY ONE

THE CITY YOU'VE BUILT HERE COULD DO WITH A LITTLE WORK FIRST

BANG

NO — !

YOU IDIOT! IF YOU DIE HERE YOUR MIND DIES!

YOU JUST SIGNED YOUR OWN DEATH WARRANT!

SWAP

HURH!

THIS IS ALL INSIDE YOUR BRAIN RIGHT?
I'M BETTING IT EXPLODES FROM THE IMPACT A MILLI SECOND BEFORE I HIT
YOU'RE RIGHT ABOUT ONE THING SALAS.
THIS IS MY CITY!
GLARRRRHHH!
HE... HE'S DEAD!
DREDD! WHAT JUST HAPPENED?
I TRIED TO SAVE HIM.

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WOLVES
THE WAY IS THE LAW

DMITRY BYSTROV AND LUKA SHIROKOV CAME TO MEGA-CITY ONE IN THE YEAR 2114 ON THE SAME VESSEL

BUT THAT WAS A COINCIDENCE. THEY HADN'T KNOWN EACH OTHER IN EAST-BLOC TWO

THEY WERE PART OF AN EXCHANGE PROGRAMME DESIGNED TO FORGE STRONGER TIES WITH THE SOV. BLOCKS FOLLOWING THE APOCALYPSE WAR

STAND IN FRONT OF THE SCANNER. FEET ON THE MARKS. ARMS OUT BY YOUR SIDE. DON'T MOVE.

THEY WERE GRANTED FULL CITIZENSHIP -

- AFTER THE USUAL BACKGROUND CHECKS.

ALL CLEAR. WELCOME TO MEGA-CITY ONE CITIZEN SHIROKOV

THOUGH THEY ARRIVED TOGETHER, BYSTROV AND SHIROKOV'S PATHS DIDN'T CROSS FOR ANOTHER TWENTY YEARS.

DMITRY ALEKSANDR BYSTROV WAS A SKILLED MUNCE CUTTER. HE WAS GIVEN AN APARTMENT IN SECTOR FOUR.

LUKA VIKTOR SHIROKOV HAD HAD NO USEFUL TRADE BACK IN EAST-MEG TWO

- BUT A LARGE BRIBE TO THE EMIGRATION OFFICIALS SAW HIM LISTED AS A CONSTRUCTION FOREMAN.

THEY SET ABOUT MAKING NEW LIVES IN THEIR ADOPTED CITY

NO JOE'S

SPECIAL

PLEASE.. GIVE ME CHANCE NO REGRET I PROMISE

NEITHER OF THEM FOUND IT EASY AT FIRST..

BUT THEY BOTH WORKED HARD TO PROVE THEMSELVES...

AWRIGHT BIGTROU, YER HIRED. SIX HOURS A WEEK.

...AND SOON THEY WERE GETTING IN JUST FINE.

ESTABLISHING THEMSELVES AS PART OF THE MEGA-CITY ONE COMMUNITY.

LIVING THE AMERICAN DREAM.

...AND HIS FAMILY. ALL OF THEM.

BUT NO DREAM LASTS FOREVER.

MINSK MINSC

CRASH

THIS IS IT? WE CAN'T RUN THE STORE ON THIS!

BEST I CAN DO, MRS. BYATRON. SUPPLIES JUST AIN'T THERE.

FIFTH SERIOUS ATTACK THIS WEEK ON CITIZENS WITH EASY MEC ANCESTORS, BRINGING THE NUMBER OF FATAL TIES TO EIGHTEEN.

I THINK WE KEEP THE STORE CLOSED UNTIL THIS BLOWS AWAY.

BLOWS OVER, DAD.

CHIEF JUDGE HERSHE IS EXPECTED TO MAKE A BOUNCE AN INTERIM SOLUTION. SHE HAS ORDERED RE-TRAINING AND COUNSELLING

THEY CAN'T PROTECT US FOR ALL THE TIME.

AMANDA, LOOK WHAT THE OTHER STUDENTS DID TO RUD. THEY BEAT HIM BECAUSE OF WHERE I COME FROM

DAD, PLEASE PEOPLE CAN HEAR!

DMITRY RUNNING WON'T SOLVE ANYTHING. THE JUDGES WILL

HEY! YOU'RE A SOV. YOU'RE A DROKK'IN' SOV

YOU PEOPLE SET THAT PLAGUE LOOSE - MY WIFE AND KIDS DIED!

PLEASE THAT WAS NOT ME. I'M A CITIZEN OF MEGA-CITY ONE!

I'M SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS BUT

SORRY?

I DON'T WANT YOUR DROKKIN' SYMPATHY YOU STINKIN' SOV!

YOU BEIN' SORRY AIN'T GONNA BRING MY FAMILY BACK!

PLEASE, JUST LET US GO

SO YA CAN KILL **MORE** MEGGERS? I SAY WE SMASH THEIR BROKKIN

INCITEMENT TWO YEARS.

YOU NAME?

B BYSTROV, DMITRY ALEKSANDR BYSTROV SIR

SOV HUH? HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN IN THE MEG?

T TWENTY YEARS, FROM EAST MEG TWO, I'M A **FULL CITIZEN.** JUDGE

JUDGE - I SAW T HAPPEN. THAT MAN ATTACKED THIS ONE FOR NO REASON!

THAT SO?

HE'S A **SOV** THEY -

UNPROVOKED ASSAULT SIX MONTHS' WORK DETAIL.

THAT A SOV ACCENT TOO CITIZEN? IDENTIFY YOURSELF

MY NAME IS LUKA SHIROKOV CITIZEN .D. 402MM SHAT. I HAVE **PAPERS.**

CONTROL - DREDD TWO PICK UPS 4056 ROOSEVELT MALL

BYSTROV SUGGEST YOU GET YOUR FAMILY HOME. ANY FURTHER PROBLEMS CONTACT YOUR LOCAL SECTOR HOUSE

COME COMRADE - MY CAR IS NEARBY I'LL GIVE YOU A LIFT

CONTROL WHAT DO WE HAVE ON LUKA SHIROKOV SOV IMMIGRANT?

IT'S ALWAYS GOOD TO MEET SOMEONE FROM THE OLD COUNTRY -

BUT NOT LIKE **THIS.** THESE ARE BAD TIMES FOR OUR PEOPLE

THE RATIONING'S HIT THE CITIZENS **HARD** DEDD - THEY'RE DESPERATE FOR SOMEONE TO BLAME.

ATTACKS ON CITIZENS WITH SOV BACKGROUNDS ARE UP EIGHT HUNDRED PER CENT

THEN WE COME DOWN ON THEM EIGHT HUNDRED PER CENT HARDER

THAT'S ALL YOU'VE GOT TO OFFER?

REGARDLESS OF THEIR ANCESTRY ALL CITIZENS HAVE A RIGHT TO OUR PROTECTION

AS LONG AS THEY DON'T BREAK THE LAW.

JUDGES HANDS WHERE WE CAN SEE THEM

CHECK THE KID'S ROOM, WEBB.

WHAT ARE YOU - ?

GET THEM INTO THE H-WAGON.

YOUR LUCKY DAY, CIT ZEN BYSTROV.

INTERNMENT CAMP #12

WE'RE TAKING YOU SOMEPLACE SAFE.

OUR FIRST PRIORITY IS - AS IT HAS **ALWAYS** BEEN - TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF OUR CITIZENS.'

LOLITA LOPEZ CHANNEL 147 'CHIEF JUDGE WOULDN'T IT BE SAFER TO JUST LOCK THE JOVS UP IN **ISO-CUBES**?'

'I DON'T THINK YOU UNDERSTAND MS LOPEZ THIS IS FOR **THEIR** PROTECTION.

TO DATE THERE HAVE BEEN OVER FIVE HUNDRED SEPARATE ATTACKS ON CITIZENS WHO WERE BORN IN EAST MEG TWO OR HAVE JOV ANCESTRY

THEIR COUNTRY OF ORIGIN IS IRRELEVANT THEY ARE STILL CITIZENS OF MEGA-CITY ONE.

AND THEIR INTERNMENT IS **TEMPORARY** WE ARE CURRENTLY LOOKING AT A NUMBER OF LONG-TERM SOLUTIONS.

MCKENZIE HIATT **FINGER-POINTERS WEEKLY** CHIEF JUDGE, OUR READERS WANT TO KNOW WHAT'S BEING DONE ABOUT THE **FOOD SHORTAGES**.

DMITRY MY FRIEND YOU DON'T MIND IF WE...?

NOW LUKA THAT IS NOT REALLY FAIR TO EVERYONE ELSE.

WE'VE BEEN IN LINE NEARLY AN **HOUR**. THERE'S BARELY ENOUGH TO GO AROUND.

OH, I'M SURE THAT NO ONE HERE OBJECTS.

DO **YOU** PEOPLE THINK I SHOULD HAVE TO WAIT?

UH, NO

N-NO GO AHEAD.

THANK YOU, COMRADE. SEE DMITRY? WE ARE ALL FRIENDLY HERE.

WE MUST ALL STICK TOGETHER IN THIS DIFFICULT TIME.

INSPECTION PULL OVER AT THE NEXT LAYBY

DEAR SIR, STAY CALM YEAH, ALL RIGHT?

COULD BE STOPPIN' U/S FOR ANYTHING.

YURI PROVETKIN DON'T MAKE ME COME FIND YOU.

YURI - NO

I HAVE TO, ERIK. IT'S FOR THE BEST

LET'S GO PROVETKIN. MOVE.

WAIT BY THE BIKE.

YEAH NICE **WORK** JUDGE. THROW HIS STINKIN' GOV BUTT

GOT SOMETHING TO SAY CITIZEN?

HM... NO.

YOU CITIZENS, LISTEN TO ME

THE PEOPLE WHO RELEASED THE CHAOS BUG ARE DEAD. THE PEOPLE WHO ORDERED THE ATTACK ARE ALSO DEAD.

BLAMING CITS WITH SOV BLOOD MAKES AS LITTLE SENSE AS BLAMING THEM FOR THE WEATHER.

YOU WILL NOT TAKE THE LAW INTO YOUR OWN HANDS

YOU HAVE A REASON TO LEAVE YOUR SEAT CITIZEN?

I'M ERIC BRINKMAN, YURI'S MY PARTNER. I.. I SHOULD BE WITH HIM.

YOUR CHOICE. OFF THE BUS.

FOR ANYONE TOO STUPID TO UNDERSTAND, THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT HAS A GOOD RE-EDUCATION PROGRAMME

IT'S CALLED FIVE TO TEN IN THE CUBES.

WHY'D YOU RUN, BRINKMAN?

WE WERE SCARED JUDGE. WE WERE ATTACKED YESTERDAY. FIVE MEN FROM OUR PLAQUEEN-CARVING CLASS. MEN WE KNOW!

FAILURE TO REPORT A CRIME IS A CRIME ITSELF

GIVEN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, I'LL LET YOU OFF WITH A WARNING...

...BUT I WANT THE NAMES OF THE MEN WHO ATTACKED YOU.

DMITRY YOU LOOK AT ME WHAT DO YOU SEE?

YOU SEE A SUCCESSFUL MAN YES? TWENTY YEARS SINCE I CAME TO THE BIG MEG, AND I HAVE EVERYTHING I COULD WANT

NOW YOU? YOU ARE ALSO SUCCESSFUL. YOU HAVE YOUR OWN BUSINESS, ONE STORE. A **GOOD** STORE. BUT

BUT WHEN WE GET OUT OF HERE, I THINK YOU COULD BE **MORE** SUCCESSFUL.

LUKA, I DON'T...

YOU DON'T WANT TO GO INTO BUSINESS WITH ME? YOUR FELLOW COUNTRYMAN?

THAT SADDENS ME COMRADE. SADDENS ME **GREATLY**

I THINK I SHALL HAVE TO FIND A WAY TO PERSUADE YOU...

JUDGE COMIN' - **SCATTER!**

DOWN ON THE GROUND — DROP YOUR WEAPONS!

RUN, YA SPUGWITS!

CONTROL - SEND A MEAT-WAGON TO JUNCTION OF ARCADIA AND FREEMO

TWO STIFFS NEED AN H-WAGON TOO. SIXTEEN JUVES ALL SENTENCED TO LIFE

ACKNOWLEDGED WHAT'S THE CHARGE?

SONS OUT

MURDER

·3D·TEDIUM·

YOU'RE PUTTING WORDS INTO MY MOUTH, JEREMY! AT NO TIME HAVE I EVER CONDONED VIOLENCE AGAINST THE SOVS IN OUR CITY

KICK

THE SIMPLE FACT IS THAT NO ONE HAS FORCED THOSE PEOPLE TO HAVE SOV ANCESTORS

THEY'RE BEING GIVEN FOOD AND SHELTER WHILE THE REST OF THE CITY SUFFERS THE MOST SEVERE FOOD SHORTAGES SINCE

NECROPOLIS

LAST WEEK ON THIS VERY SHOW YOU SAID - AND I QUOTE - WE OUGHT TO GAS THE LOT OF THEM AND LET GRUD SORT IT OUT

YES. WELL GAS IS HARDLY VIOLENT IS IT? IT CAN BE QUITE HUMANE

SONS OUT

MEG NOT SOV

FEED JUDGES NOT SONS

MEG

IT'S NOT WHAT HE SAID AMANDA, IT'S THE WAY HE SAID IT

HE WILL HURT YOU AND RUDY IF I DON'T MAKE HIM A PARTNER IN THE BUSINESS.

YOU HAVE TO TELL THE JUDGES DMITRY"

IF I DO, LUCA WILL HAVE US KILLED"

CONTROL - DREDD. PUT ME THROUGH TO THE CHIEF JUDGE.

CROWD'S GETTING UGLY. WE CAN DISPERSE THEM, MAKE A FEW ARRESTS.

NO. THAT'S ONLY GOING TO MAKE THINGS **WORSE**.

THE FOOD SHORTAGES ARE BAD ENOUGH WITHOUT US BEING PAINTED AS **SOV SYMPATHISERS** BY THE MEDIA.

IF YOU **DO** HAVE A SOLUTION, HERSHEY THEN ANY TIME NOW WOULD BE GOOD.

I DO

FOR THE PAST TWO DAYS I'VE BEEN TALKING WITH AMBASSADOR GORBATENKO

I'VE MADE A DEAL WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF EAST-MEG TWO. THEY'RE DONATING **FIVE MILLION TONS** OF BASIC FOOD SUPPLIES.

IN EXCHANGE THEY'VE AGREED TO **REPATRIATE** THEIR FORMER CITIZENS.

EVERY SOV CITIZEN IN MEGA-CITY ONE IS TO BE **DEPORTED**.

ATTENTION CITIZENS - GATHER YOUR BELONGINGS. BOARDING BEGINS IN EIGHT MINUTES.

I WANT MY OBJECTION TO THIS PLAN ON THE RECORD. HERSHEY THIS IS A MISTAKE.

OBJECTION NOTED. AND REJECTED

DE TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STONE DEEDED..

1 ST

OUR PEOPLE ARE FACING STARVATION, AND THEY'RE TAKING IT OUT ON THE SOV CITIZENS.

OUR ANALYSTS BELIEVE THAT EXCHANGING THE SOVS FOR EAST-MEG TWO'S FOOD DONATION WILL GO A LONG WAY TOWARDS ALLEVIATING THAT

THERE ARE JUVES HERE FAMILIES, YOU'RE GOING TO DEPORT THEM ALL?

ENOUGH DREDD MY DECISION IS FINAL. I HAVE THE REST OF THE CITY TO CONSIDER

NOW KEEP YOUR EYES ON THE GAME. THINGS COULD TURN UGLY WHEN THE ANNOUNCEMENT IS MADE.

DMITRY LOOKS LIKE WE'RE BEING TAKEN AWAY

THEY MIGHT SPLIT US UP. WHO KNOWS HOW LONG IT WILL BE BEFORE WE CAN TALK AGAIN?

YOUR BUSINESS NEEDS TO EXPAND DMITRY. THAT IS HOW BUSINESS WORKS. EXPAND - OR DIE.

I AM SORRY, BUT MY ANSWER IS STILL NO LUKA.

I SEE. AND THAT IS YOUR FINAL DECISION. YES?

DMITRY IF YOUR WOMAN SPEAKS AGAIN, YOUR BOY LOSES HIS EYES.

WE DON'T NEED YOU. WE KNOW WHAT YOU'RE LIKE.

ATTENTION, CITIZENS - THOSE OF YOU BORN IN MEGA-CITY ONE MAY CHOOSE TO REMAIN BEHIND.

ALL OTHERS ARE BEING RELOCATED TO EAST-MEG TWO ON THE ORDERS OF CHIEF JUDGE HERSHEY.

T-THEY CAN'T DO THAT!

NO! I'M NOT GOING BACK! NEVER!

GRUDDAMMIT! GET ME IN THERE!

DREDD TO CONTROL. NEED EVERY AVAILABLE HELMET AT MY LOCATION ASAP!

WE'VE GOT A RIOT ON OUR HANDS!

DROKKIN' SCUM ARE CHARGING!

TAKE THEM OUT!

GET BACK - YOU'LL BE TORN APART OUT THERE!

H-WAGONS EQUIPPED WITH RIOT FOAM EN ROUTE. SHOULD BE THERE IN THREE MINUTES

ANNOUNCEMENT HAS SPARKED A RIOT AS THE BOYS ATTEMPT TO FLEE -

BREAKING NEWS

RIOT AT SOV HOLDING CENTER

MORE CITIZENS CONVERGING INTO THE AREA. RECOMMEND WE CUT THE MEDIA FEEDS.

I SAID - GET BACK!

SIR?

NEED THAT RIOT-FOAM NOW, CONTROL!

FIFTEEN [illegible] DREDD. GET YOURSELF CLEAR.

FORGET ME - DOUSE THE ENTIRE AREA!

DEPLOYING RIOT FOAM!

AAAAAH!

THAT YOU IN THERE DREDD?

GET ME FREE THEN CUT THE RIOTERS LOOSE - ARREST ANYONE HOLDING A WEAPON.

FOURTEEN DEAD. GUESS IT COULD HAVE BEEN A LOT WORSE.

SOMEONE JUMPED THE GUN. THEY SHOULD HAVE WAITED UNTIL THE SONS WERE ONBOARD BEFORE MAKING THE ANNOUNCEMENT

NOT ONE OF THESE CITIZENS WANTS TO LEAVE HERSHEY.

I'M NOT ECSTATIC ABOUT IT EITHER, DREDD -

- BUT IF WE LET THEM STAY THE CITIZENS WILL TEAR THEM APART

COLONEL GET THE SOVS ONTO THE CRAFT ONCE THEY'RE OUT OF THE CITY WE CAN START -

YOU CANT SEND ME BACK THERE!

LET ME LEAVE OR I SWEAR I WILL KILL THIS WOMAN!

YUKA - LET HER GO! PLEASE

BACK AWAY - EVERYONE BACK AWAY!

DROP THE GUN, CREEP

YUKI! - NO!

BDAM

BDAM

BDAM

BDAM

I'M SORRY SON. THE DAMAGE IS TOO GREAT YOUR FRIEND IS GONE

LUKA SHIROKOV RAN A CHECK ON HIM A COUPLE OF DAYS BACK.

SUSPECT IN SEVERAL GANG-RELATED ATTACKS

I RECOMMENDED BRINGING HIM IN FOR INTERROGATION

THE INTERNMENT ORDER SUPERCEDED ALL OTHER SOV-RELATED INVESTIGATIONS.

COLONEL START THE BOARDING PROCESS.

HERSHEY WE'RE THROWING THEM TO THE WOLVES SO THAT THE REST OF US CAN HAVE FULL BELLIES.

THEY CAN'T STAY HERE DREDD. AND THEY WON'T SURVIVE IN THE CURSED EARTH.

IF YOU HAVE A **BETTER** SOLUTION LET'S HEAR IT

I DO. IT'S NOT IDEAL BUT

IT'LL GIVE THEM A FIGHTING CHANCE.

NOW ENTERING MEGA CITY TWO

CYPHER

ENVOY LARIONOV - GOOD TO FINALLY MEET YOU IN PERSON.

LIKEWISE. CHIEF JUDGE HERSHE THE PREMIER HAS ASKED ME TO REITERATE HIS APOLOGIES FOR BEING UNABLE TO ATTEND.

I UNDERSTAND. THE DUTIES OF A CHIEF JUDGE DON'T ALWAYS ALLOW TIME FOR CLANDESTINE MEETINGS.

YOU KNOW **DREDD** OF COURSE

YOU RENEGED ON OUR **AGREEMENT** JUDGE HERSHEY FIVE MILLION TONS OF BASIC FOODSTUFFS AND SUPPLIES

- IN EXCHANGE FOR THE REPATRIATION OF OUR SON CITIZENS

INDEED THIS IS M PERSONAL BODYGUARD AND PILOT JUDGE CATERINA TANECHKA PAX

OUTSIDE THE COUNCIL ONLY SHE IS AWARE OF THIS MEETING. I TRUST THAT...

WE'VE KEPT A LID ON IT

INSTEAD YOU RELOCATED THEM TO **MEGA-CITY TWO**

WE ASSISTED WITH THE MOVE IN THE INTERESTS OF OUR CITIES' RELATIONS, BUT WE ARE NOT HAPPY

IT WAS THE BEST SOLUTION. THE CITIZENS DIDN'T **WANT** TO RETURN TO EAST-MEG TWO. MANY OF THEM WEREN'T EVEN BORN THERE.

REGARDLESS OF THE CITIZENS' OPINIONS WE HAD A **DEAL**

LARIONOV AFTER THE **CHAOS** **DUG** WE'RE **ENTITLED**

SNIPER! DOWN!

DREDD TO CONTROL - REQUESTING IMMEDIATE AERIAL SUPPORT

I SEE HIM!

PAX - TAKE COVER!

HERSHEY?

I'M OKAY - SHOT JUST CLIPPED ME

MEGA-CITY ONE

H-WAGON ON THE WAY DREDD. ETA SIXTY SECONDS.

HE'S GOING DOWN, H-WAGON - I WANT HIM ALIVE. SCOOP HIM OUT OF THE AIR.

HERSHEY - STAY PUT. I'M GOING AFTER HIM.

PAX IF YOU CAN RIDE AS WELL AS YOU CAN SHOOT TAKE HERSHEY'S LAWMASTER.

WE'VE GOT HIM, DREDD!

CUFF HIM AND CHECK FOR WEAPONS.

CONTROL I WANT A FULL SWEEP OF THE AREA. HE MIGHT NOT BE ALONE

THAT WAS GOOD SHOOTING BACK THERE PAX.

MY EYES ARE ARTIFICIAL LINKED THROUGH MY CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM TO MY GUN. ANYTHING I CAN SEE I CAN SHOOT

I WARNED ENVOY LARIONOV THAT COMING TO MEGA-CITY ONE WOULD PUT HIS LIFE IN DANGER!

THE ONLY PEOPLE IN THIS CITY WHO KNEW ABOUT THE MEETING ARE MYSELF HERSHEY AND THE COUNCIL OF FIVE...

DREDD. WE HAVE YOUR PERP SECURED. WHERE DO YOU WANT HIM?

ANY LEAK MUST HAVE COME FROM YOUR SIDE

UNLIKELY SERGEY LARIONOV IS ONE OF THE MOST RESPECTED SENIOR JUDGES IN OUR CITY.

SET DOWN ON UNDERWOOD OVERPASS AND WATCH HIM CREEP. DANGEROUS.

GET THAT EYE-WEAR OFF SEE WHAT HE LOOKS LIKE

SEEMS TO BE GLUED.

GUYS NOT A MODEL I'VE SEEN BEFORE. COULD BE HANDMADE.

SOMETHING'S WRONG.

H-WAGON, THIS IS DREDD REPORT

B-BIKE CANNON RAPID FIRE!

DROKK!

DREDD TO CONTROL - ROGUE LAWMASTER SHUT IT DOWN!

THUD

SKEEEE

SKEEEE

JRRRP

NOT POSSIBLE JUDGE - SOMETHING'S BLOCKING OUR OVERRIDE.

DREDD THIS IS H-WAGON 4-50 CLOSING ON YOUR POSITION - WE HAVE YOUR QUARRY IN OUR SIGHTS.

HOLD FIRE H-WAGON - WANT THAT CREEP ALIVE. DROP DOWN AND USE YOUR GRAB-NETS.

WE'RE ON IT, M'LUD, DREDD!

HE'S VEERED OFF - HE'S...

"STOMM! FORGET TAKING HIM ALIVE - JUST STOP HIM."

CONTROL TO ALL UNITS. PRIORITY ONE. SUSPECT IS APPROACHING COLLINS PLAZA ON A STOLEN LAWMASTER. APPREHEND WITH EXTREME CAUTION.

DREDD TO H-WAGON. GAIN SOME ALTITUDE AND FOCUS EVERY SCANNER YOU'VE GOT ON HIM.

CONTROL, BLOCK ALL EXITS IN HIS PATH.

PYEW

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CONTROL, HE'S DOWN. HE'S —

NO BLOOD.

DROKK — !

PAW!

HOLD YOUR FIRE THAT'S DREDD

CLEAR A PATH!

A SOV JUDGE? WHAT THE DROKK ARE YOU DOING HERE?

OUT THE WAY

EEEEEEGH!

CYBORG - !

BLAM BLAM BLAM BLAM BLAM BLAM BLAM BLAM

ANYTHING?

NO. HE'S A CYPHER.

NO FINGERPRINTS. FACIAL RECOGNITION. DNA. RETINAL SCANS. ALL TURNED UP NOTHING.

ARMOUR. CLOTHES AND WEAPONS ARE HANDMADE UNTRACEABLE.

NO TRACE OF A PERSONALITY MEMORY'S BEEN WIPED. HE'S MORE MACHINE THAN MAN.

DREDD, IT'S EXACTLY LIKE YOU SAID.

I'M SORRY LARIONOV. WE MIGHT NEVER LEARN WHO HIRED HIM.

I KNOW.

IT PUZZLED ME THAT HE WAITED TO TAKE HIS FIRST SHOT NOW I KNOW WHY HE WAS WAITING FOR A CLEAR LINE OF FIRE.

ENVOY LARIONOV WAS NOT THE TARGET - HE WAS THE CLIENT

JUDGE HERSHEY YOU WERE THE TARGET

NO! NO THAT'S A LIE!

WE ALREADY SCANNED THE SNIPER. BROUGHT YOU HERE SO THAT PSI JUDGE ECHOLETTE COULD SCAN YOU.

ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF A MEGA-CITY ONE JUDGE THE SENTENCE SHOULD BE IMMEDIATE EXECUTION.

PAX HE'S YOUR BOSS - IT'S YOUR CALL.

SEND HIM HOME HIS EXECUTION WOULD ONLY MAKE THINGS WORSE BETWEEN OUR CITIES.

CHIEF JUDGE HERSHEY I WISH TO DEFECT

WE'LL NEED TO CONDUCT EXTENSIVE CHECKS BEFORE WE CAN AGREE TO THAT

MAKE IT HAPPEN. HERSHEY SHE'S GOOD WE CAN USE HER

WHAT SHOULD WE DO WITH THE SNIPER?

JUDGE ECHOLETTE SAID - HE'S MORE MACHINE THAN MAN.

STRIP HIM FOR PARTS!

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SOVSEC MEGA-CITY TWO - A NEWLY RECLAIMED SECTOR, HOME TO THOUSANDS OF SOV-DESCENDED CITIZENS RECENTLY EXPELLED FROM MEGA-CITY ONE.

JUDGE DE KEYSER - I'M DOLMAN.

ONE OF DREDD'S. BROTHERS RIGHT? WELCOME TO SOVSEC. WE'RE STILL SCRUBBING THE PAINTWORK AND SCRAPING OFF THE MOULD, BUT OTHERWISE WE'RE IN GOOD SHAPE HERE. INTERESTED IN THE TOUR?

SOME OTHER TIME - RIGHT NOW I NEED TO SEE THE BOY.

WE'RE SHORT ON HELMETS SINCE THE SOV JUDGES PULLED OUT. THEY WERE ONLY HERE TO OVERSEE THE TRANSITION.

DAMN SOVS CAUSED MORE PROBLEMS THAN THEY SOLVED ANYWAY.

THIS IS JUDGE GARRISON - SHE'S LOOKING AFTER HIS CASE.

WE CAUGHT HIM TRYING TO BREAK INTO ONE OF OUR STOREROOMS.

TOOK THREE OF US TO BRING HIM DOWN.

THE WAY HE FOUGHT - IT WAS CLEAR HE'D HAD ACADEMY TRAINING. WE SCANNED HIM, SENT HIS BIOMETRIC DATA BACK TO MEGA-CITY ONE.

CADET EDWIN KESSLER MISSING IN ACTION SINCE CHAOS DAY. I'M TAKING YOU BACK

RECORDS SAY YOU'RE A DESERTER KESSLER.

POLMAN... SO NOW THE DEPARTMENT CARES WHAT HAPPENS TO ME?

YOU WEREN'T THERE - YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT IT WAS LIKE

THEN TELL ME. STATE YOUR CASE.

SECTOR 55 - WE WENT IN TO ATTEMPT TO QUELL THE RIOTS.

'IT DIDN'T WORK. SHORT OF KILLING EVERYONE. I GUESS DREDD HAD NO OPTION.

CONTROL - DREDD. WE'RE OVERWHELMED HERE. WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO CEDE THE SECTOR.

ACKNOWLEDGED DREDD IGNORING THE ORDER

'WE GOT THE WORD TO PULL OUT - BUT THERE WAS NO WAY THROUGH. THE MOB. WE WERE TRAPPED.

THEY WENT BACK TO LOOK FOR YOU FIRST CHANCE THEY HAD

IT WASN'T SOON ENOUGH.

'FALCON - WHAT'S HAPPENING OUT THERE?'

ALL QUIET FOR NOW.

BUILDING'S CLEAR BUT IT'S BEEN STRIPPED. NO FOOD, WATER'S CONTAMINATED ANYTHING ON THE COMMS?

NOTHING - ALL SIGNALS ARE DOWN. JUNG HOW'S QUILLAN?

IT'S NOT LOOKING GOOD. BULLET'S TORN THROUGH THE FEMORAL ARTERY AND WE'VE JUST USED THE LAST OF OUR STERI-PATCHES.

JUST DO WHAT YOU CAN - IF WE STAY HERE, WE'RE DEAD.

OUR CHANCES ARE BETTER IN HERE THAN ON THE STREETS KESSLER. THE RIOT CAN'T LAST MORE THAN A FEW HOURS.

WE HAVE A DUTY TO PROTECT THE PEOPLE STAYING PUT DOESN'T HELP ANYONE BUT OURSELVES

AND GOING OUT WILL GET US **KILLED** ANGIE. WHO DOES **THAT** HELP?

BESIDES, WE CAN'T MOVE QUILLAN. HE'S LOST TOO MUCH BLOOD.

DROKK **THIS** I NEVER **ASKED** TO BE A CADET

NONE OF US DID.

IF I GET OUT I'LL SEND HELP

ANOTHER SET OF CLOTHES HERE. DOUBLE THE ODDS - WHO'S WITH ME? PARIS? ECHAVEZ?

ONLY LORI CASSANO VOLUNTEERED.

YOU SURE? THERE'S A CHANCE NOT BOTH OF US WILL GET THROUGH.

YEAH, I'M SURE. I'M FASTER THAN YOU. ANYWAY

ECHAVEZ YOU TAKE OVER HERE

SO YOU GOT OUT AND DECIDED NOT TO BOTHER REPORTING IN? YOU JUST QUIT?

IT WASN'T LIKE THAT

AND YOU GIVING ME GRIEF ABOUT OLYTYNG IS IRONIC, ISN'T IT?

WHERE'S CASSANO NOW?

RAUL JULIA BOULEVARD AHEAD. WE'RE ONLY HALF A MILE FROM THE SECTOR BOUNDARY!

GOOD! JUST KEEP GOING - DON'T WAIT FOR ME!

A BARRICADE - WE'RE ALMOST THERE KESSLER

GOT TWO CIT'S APPROACHING. LOOK TO BE EMPTY-HANDED.

STOMM. SOUNDS LIKE THE MOB'S HEADING BACK THIS WAY!

DON'T SHOOT! DON'T SHOOT! WE'RE WITH -

LORI! - TAKE COVER!

SHE SHOULD HAVE RUN WITH THEM.

NO!

ARMED RIOTER - TAKE HER DOWN!

BLAM-BLAM!

SO, YEAH. I QUIT

I'D BEEN HAVING DOUBTS ANYWAY AND TO SEE MY FRIEND GUNNED DOWN LIKE THAT

WHEN THE CHAOS ENDED I FOUND A HELITREK COMING HERE TO MEGA-CITY TWO.

KESSLER, YOU'RE LOOKING AT A SPELL ON TITAN FOR DESERTION OF DUTY

- AT MY DISCRETION. YOU WANT TO AVOID THAT TELL ME WHERE I CAN FIND THE OTHERS.

I'VE NO IDEA. TOOK ME A WEEK TO GET BACK THERE - THEY'D ALREADY LEFT

WHERE WAS THAT?

IT WAS A FRINKIE'S STORE. MAILAND BEE TAVERN PLAZA.

TITAN SEEMS HARSH. THE KID WAS CLEARLY IN SHOCK.

I KNOW. BUT WE HAVE TO FIND THE CADETS. EVEN IF IT'S JUST TO CONFIRM THAT THEY'RE DEAD.

WHY'S THAT?

'BECAUSE ONE OF THEM IS FAMILY.'

IN MEGA-CITY TWO DOLMAN HAS FOUND KEGGLER, ONE OF 5 SQUAD OF YEAR-ELEVEN CADETS MISSING SINCE CHAOS DAY. UNDER INTERROGATION KEGGLER HAS REVEALED WHERE HE LEFT HIS CLASSMATES IN MEGA CITY ONE

FRINKE'S THINGS 'N' STUFF

NO LIFE SIGNS... IT'S BEEN MONTHS. I FIGURE THE CHANCES OF...

INVESTIGATIONS ARE FOUNDED ON FACTS NOT OPINIONS CADET

JOVIS... THEY SMELL.

DECAYING FLESH - PROBABLY HUMAN.

FIND THE SOURCE.

KEGGLER WASN'T LYING, DOL MAN. THEY WERE HERE

...AND THEY LEFT THE MARK.

WHICH MEANS THEY MOVED ON.

WHAT ABOUT LORI CASSANO? HAS HER CORPSE BEEN IDENTIFIED?

NO CLEAN-UP CREWS WOULD BOTHER DOING MUCH MORE THAN SHOVELING THE ASH AND SHIPPING THEM TO REGAL ONCE THEY'D LONG GONE

DREDD? GOT A BODY
STERI PATCHES RAT'S DON'T TOUCH THEM COS THEY CAN'T STAND THE ANTISEPTICS.
DNA SCAN SHOWS IT'S CADET RAMON GUILLAN
WAIT SOMETHING HERE UNDER THE BODY..
DATAPAD. STILL INTACT
THIS IS DAY NUMBER THREE.
PRETTY CLEAR THAT KESSLER AND CASSANO DIDN'T MAKE IT
WE CAN'T STAY HERE - RATIONS ARE ALMOST GONE AND THERE'S NO WATER
GUILLAN'S DEAD WE COULDN'T STOP THE BLEEDING.

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JUNG. TELL THEM ABOUT THE COMMS.

RIGHT WE DON'T KNOW WHAT'S **HAPPENING** OUT THERE BUT ALL COMMS ARE COMPLETELY GONE NOT GETTING **ANY** SIGNALS IN OR OUT

LOOK WHOEVER FINDS THIS... WE FIGURE MOST OF THE RIOTERS ARE TRYING TO GET OUT OF THE SECTOR SO WE'RE GOING **DEEPER**

DROKK - THEY'RE COMING BACK!

ECHAVEZ JUNG WRAP IT UP WE'VE GOT TO GO!

AMMO'S WAY DOWN. THERE'S A BAND OF PSYCHOS OUT THERE BEEN TRYING TO GET TO US ALL DAY AND

KRASH!

DROKK IT - HIT THEM HARD AND FAST!

KRASH!

"WITH QUILLAN DEAD AND NO SIGN OF KESSLER AND CASSANO WE'RE DOWN TO SIX"

"THERE'S ME MADISON ECHAVEZ

"TOBIAS JUNG...

CHERYL TANUMA

JESSICA PARTS.

ANGELA SOLVING...

. AND DARRIEN FALCON.

TANUMA'S GOT FAMILY IN MARTIN FREEMAN BLOCK IF THEY'RE STILL ALIVE. THAT'S WHERE YOU'LL FIND US!
I THINK THAT'S IT FOR NOW.
ANOTHER KNIFE HERE. WE'RE NOT SHORT OF BLADES.
TANUMA LET ME HAVE THE SHOTGUN.
WE DESTROY EVERY WEAPON WE CAN'T CARRY
HUH. SMART
WE CAN'T TAKE QUILLAN WITH US. I'M SORRY
ECHAVEZ POINT THAT PAD IN MY DIRECTION.
DREDD HOPE YOU SURVIVED THE CHAOS AND YOU'RE WATCHING THIS
YOU ORDERED THE RETREAT YOU LEFT US FOR DEAD.

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DARRIEN. THEY HAD NO CHOICE!
THEY HAD EVERY CHOICE. PARIS
DREDD. WE CROSS PATHS AGAIN. YOU AND ME ARE GOING TO HAVE WORDS
HIDE THIS THING SOMEWHERE LOOTERS WON'T LOOK.
JUDGE MAKE THE MARK
YOU GET ALL THAT DOLMAN?
I GOT IT SO THEY DON'T KNOW?
WE NO LONGER INFORM THE CADETS WHICH OF THEM ARE CLONES UNLESS IT'S UNAVOIDABLE
I KNEW
AND THAT'S WHY WE DON'T TELL THEM. WOULD YOU HAVE QUIT IF YOU HADN'T KNOWN?
GOOD QUESTION. I'LL MEET YOU AT FREEMAN ETA FIFTY MINUTES.
WHY DO YOU GIVE THEIR CHANCES?
NOT MUCH. BUT IF ANY OF THEM COULD HAVE MADE IT, IT'S FALCON.
SYNTH-SOY
SYNTH-SOY RESTAURANT
DREDD
FRIED STORE

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THE TRAIL OF A SQUAD OF CADETS MISSING SINCE CHAOS DAY HAS CD DREDD AND POLARIS TO MARTIN FREEMAN BLOCK.

BLOCK RECORDS SHOW THAT TANUMA'S AUNT AND UNCLE LIVE ON THE EIGHTEENTH FLOOR. APARTMENT 1820/C.

YOU LEFT KEYSTER IN SOVSEC?

TOLD GARRISON TO PUT HIM TO WORK - THEY'RE STRETCHED PRETTY THIN. FIGURE HE CAN DO MORE GOOD THERE THAN IN A CUBE.

WHAT? WE DONE NOTHIN'

GOOD. KEEP IT UP

1820

OPEN UP! THIS IS THE LAW!

WHAT?

CHERYL TANUMA?

CHER'S MY COUSIN. SHE'S IN THE ACADEMY SHE GONNA BE A JUDGE ONE DAY.

IN CASE YOU HAVEN'T HEARD THE ACADEMY ISN'T THERE ANY MORE

HAVE YOU SEEN HER RECENTLY? HEARD FROM HER?

WE AIN'T HEARD NOTHIN' FROM CHER SINCE THE LAST FAMILY VISIT

IT'S OUR LUCKY DAY ANYWAY

WE'VE GOT YOU ON A CODE 2508 FOUR YEARS APIECE FOR YOUR PARENTS

MANUFACTURING WITH INTENT? NO WAY. THEY'D NEVER EVEN TOUCH ANY KIND OF NARCOTICS!

HOW WOULD A CITIZEN KNOW WHAT A CODE 2508 IS?

AW CRAP

UNNF!

TANUMA!

AAAH!

FLUMP

TALK KID. WHERE ARE THE OTHERS?

THERE'S NO LAW ANY MORE. JUST CHAOS. SO WE WILL DO WHATEVER IT TAKES TO SURVIVE.

IF THAT MEANS WE HAVE TO STEAL FOOD AND WATER OR EVEN KILL FOR IT THEN THAT'S WHAT WE'LL DO

NO. OUR **FIRST** PRIORITY IS GET OUT OF THE SECTOR AND RE-ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH THE **DEPARTMENT**

YEAH. BUT TO DO THAT WE HAVE TO BE **ALIVE**. I'M WITH FALCON.

THAT'S THE BLOCK - AND IT'S STILL INTACT!

MARTIN FREEMAN

THANK **GRUD** - A JUDGE!

HEEE HEEE HEEEEE!

FUTSIE!

'WE SPLIT UP THE WAY WE WERE **TAUGHT**' YOU DON'T TAKE ON A FUTSIE HAND TO HAND.

BOOOM!

HEEE HEE HEEEEE!

JUNG HAD A GUN - I DON'T KNOW WHY HE DIDN'T JUST SHOOT HIM.

UNF!

HEEE HEEEE HEEEE!

GAH!

URKKK!

SHUK

THE MUTILATED BODY OF JUDGE ALDO STRUTHERS WAS FOUND TWO BLOCKS FROM HERE.

WE DIDN'T KNOW WHO HE WAS. HIS BADGE WAS ALREADY GONE AND.

..WE HAD SOMETHING ELSE TO DEAL WITH.

HEEE HEEEE HEEEE!

BOOM

GAH!

WHY DIDN'T YOU REPORT THIS?

IT WAS MY FAULT - I COULDN'T TELL THE OTHERS THAT IT WAS ME WHO GOT JUNG KILLED

I BURIED HIM UNDER THE RUBBLE AS BEST I COULD AND FLED TO FREEMAN.

YOU'VE GOT TO TAKE US IN, AUNT GIGA - IT'S ANARCHY OUT THERE! EVERYONE'S BLAMING THE JUDGES FOR THE CHAOS BUG

THE SECTOR HOUSE HAS BEEN GUTTED DECORATED WITH DEAD JAYS - IF ANYONE FINDS US WE'RE DEAD.

THAT'S WHY YOU CANT HIDE HERE. CHER CAN STAY BUT NOT ALL OF YOU.

LILA'S RIGHT - FIVE IS TOO MANY IT WOULD DRAW SUSPICION AND OUR RATIONS WON'T SPREAD THAT THIN..

ECHAVEZ SAID THAT THERE WOULD BE A REFUGEE CAMP IN SECTOR 180 - SHE WAS GREAT AT MEMORISING THE EMERGENCY PROTOCOLS.

FALCON DIDN'T LIKE THAT IDEA. HE WANTED TO FIND A VEHICLE. GET OUT OF THE CITY

YOU'VE GOT TO UNDERSTAND - WE THOUGHT IT WAS ALL OVER. THAT THERE WASN'T GOING TO BE ANY MORE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

NOT A VALID EXCUSE TANUMA. YOU WERE STILL A CADET YOU HAD A RESPONSIBILITY TO THE OTHERS YOU SHOULD HAVE STUCK WITH THEM.

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO? ARREST ME FOR SAVING MY OWN LIFE?

IF IT WAS UP TO ME. YES. BUT I'M LETTING DOLMAN CALL THE SHOTS.

TANUMA REPORT TO THE NEAREST FUNCTIONING SECTOR HOUSE FOR DEBRIEFING AND RETRAINING

THERE'S STILL A CAMP IN SECTOR 180. WORTH CHECKING OUT

HMM. WENT A BIT EASY ON HER, DIDN'T YOU?

I BELIEVE IN SECOND CHANCES DREDD. IN MOST CASES.

MIGHT DROP THAT IDEA FOR FALCON.

ON THE TRAIL OF A SQUAD OF CADETS MISSING SINCE SHADE DAY DREDD AND JUDGMAN HAVE LOCATED CADET ANGELA XERXIND.
YEAR ELEVEN. YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS? WE'RE ONLY SIXTEEN YEARS OLD - AND THEY SENT US OUT TO DIE
NOT TO DIE ANGELA. THEY SENT YOU OUT TO HELP DEFEND THE CITY
THE CITY WAS ALREADY LOST BY THAT STAGE.
YOU LEFT CHERYL TANUMA IN HER AUNT'S APARTMENT - THEN WHAT?
NOWHERE WAS SAFE
BLOCKS WERE COLLAPSING OR BURNING - OR BOTH. THERE WERE THOUSANDS OF RIOTERS ON THE STREETS - AND NO JUDGES. THEY'D COMPLETELY WITHDRAWN FROM THE SECTOR
THEY!?
YOU NO LONGER CONSIDER YOURSELF PART OF THE DEPARTMENT?
NOT SINCE YOU ABANDONED US.

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GANGS WERE USING THE OPPORTUN TY TO SETTLE OLD GRUDGES..

..OR START NEW ONES.

WE RAN AMONG THEM WHEN WE HAD TO TO MAKE T LOOK LIKE WE WERE PART OF THE CROWD

TANUMA SAID DARRIEN FALCON HAD TALKED ABOUT GETTING A VEHICLE.

WE DID. I... YEAH, THAT'S WHAT WE DID.

WE FOUND A NO-PAD AND WE TRIED TO GET OUT OF THE SECTOR

SO WHERE ARE FALCON AND PARIS NOW?

WAIT DREDD.

ANGELA WHAT ARE YOU NOT TELLING US?

HERE'S ONE.

LOOKS LIKE A 22 ROADMUNCHER

ONE OF THOSE BABIES CAN DRIVE CLEAR ACROSS THE CURSED EARTH - THE VEHICLE OF CHOICE FOR HELLTREKKERS.

ECHAVEZ LIE DOWN - LOOK INJURED BUT UNTHREATENING

ARE YOU CRAZY? WHAT IF THEY DON'T STOP?

'FALCON'S ALWAYS BEEN GOOD AT PERSUADING PEOPLE

SOMEONE ON THE ROAD..

PHLEGMENTINE. I THINK SHE'S ALIVE.

WE SHOULD BE CAREFUL. IT COULD BE A

TRICK.

OPEN UP RIGHT NOW! UNLESS YOU WANT ME TO SHOOT OUT YOUR TYRES!
WE DIDN'T KNOW THEY HAD KIDS, I MEAN. HOW COULD WE?
HIJACKING. CONDUCT UNBECOMING OF A JUSTICE DEPARTMENT CADET
WE HAD NO CHOICE FALCON SAID. IT WAS HIS IDEA BUT... WE DIDN'T STOP HIM.

PHLEGMENTINE AND PUCAS HELSTROM. THEY WERE SCARED - TERRIFIED - BUT PUCAS WAS TRYING TO ACT FRIENDLY
TOLD US HOW THEY WERE AMONG THE FIRST MUTANTS TO ENTER THE CITY AFTER THE REPEAL.
DON'T HURT MY BABIES. DON'T HURT MY BABIES
MOM+DAD

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PLEASE, DON'T HURT MY BABIES!

WE'RE NOT GOING TO HURT ANYONE IF WE DON'T HAVE TO -

- WE JUST WANT TO GET OUT OF THIS SECTOR. THAT'S ALL

HONESTLY I CAN'T BLAME THE MUTTS FOR WHAT WE DID.

HE WAS JUST TRYING TO PROTECT HIS FAMILY

FALCON DIDN'T SEE IT THAT WAY OF COURSE

WE LEFT THEM. I DON'T KNOW FOR SURE WHAT HAPPENED TO THEM AFTER THAT

- BUT I HEARD THE SCREAMS.

A JUDGE'S FIRST DUTY IS TO PROTECT THE CITIZENS. THAT'S THE SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT LESSON YOU'RE TAUGHT AT THE ACADEMY

DREDD, I COULDN'T DO ANYTHING! THE SYNTHI-CAF POT SHREDDED MY EYES - THE PAIN WAS UNBEARABLE... I PASSED OUT
ANGELA WHAT'S THE NEXT THING YOU DO REMEMBER?
THEY WERE TALKING ABOUT ME...
SORRY BUT SHE'S BECOME A HINDRANCE, A LIABILITY
WE'RE NOT LEAVING HER DARRIEN - SHE'LL DIE OUT THERE!
YOU'RE EITHER WITH US OR WITH HER ECHAVEZ WHAT'S IT TO BE?
YOU WERE FOUND IN A REFUGEE CAMP IN SECTOR 180. CAMP SUPERVISOR SAID YOU'D ARRIVED SEVEN WEEKS AFTER CHAOS DAY
AND YOU SHOWED UP ALONE. WHAT HAPPENED TO CADET MADISON ECHAVEZ?
I...
I KILLED HER

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CADET ANGELA MORENO - MISSING IN ACTION SINCE CHAOS DAY - HAS BEEN LOCATED IN A REFUGEE CAMP NOW UNDER INTERROGATION. BY DREDD AND DOLMAN. SHE IS REVEALED THE FATE OF ANOTHER CADET -
HOW IS THAT EVEN POSSIBLE ANGELA?
ECHAVEZ SCORED HIGHER MARKS THAN YOU IN ALMOST EVERY FIELD AND YET BLINDED YOU WERE ABLE TO KILL HER?
I DIDN'T MEAN TO - IT WAS AN ACCIDENT
HOW LONG AFTER FALCON ABANDONED YOU DID THIS HAPPEN?
NO. IT WASN'T LIKE THAT FALCON SPLIT THE FOOD AND AMMO WITH US HE DIDN'T JUST LEAVE US DEFENCELESS ON THE SIDE OF THE ROAD.
LIKE HE DID WITH THE OCCUPANTS OF THE MO-PAD YOU HIJACKED?
THAT'S NOT FAIR! WE WERE DESPERATE!
STOP CRIME
BECAUSE I COULDN'T SEE - I COULD BARELY STAND - MADDIE HAD TO ALMOST CARRY ME
I DON'T KNOW WHERE IT WAS. SOMEWHERE ON CITY BOTTOM, THAT'S ALL I COULD TELL
IT WAS COLD AND DAMP. IT STANK LIKE A SEWER AND WE COULD HEAR THINGS MOVING.
MOSTLY THEY SOUNDED FAR AWAY BUT SOMETIMES

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SOMETIMES THEY CAME FOR US.

THE GUN! USE THE GUN!

WE'VE ONLY GOT ABOUT EIGHT ROUNDS LEFT!

FOOODDEEEE!

JOVUS

AIEEEE!

'TROGS ATTACKED US FIVE TIMES IN THE FIRST FEW DAYS. I DON'T KNOW HOW MADDIE KEPT GOING.

'WE MUST HAVE RUN FOR MILES. I GUESS THE ELEVEN YEARS WE SPENT AS CADETS SERVED US WELL BECAUSE.

GET TO THE POINT SORVINO.

YOU SAID YOU KILLED MADISON ECHAVEZ. I WANT TO KNOW HOW AND WHY

WE.

LOOK YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT IT WAS LIKE.

DREDD

TAKE YOUR TIME ANGELA. WE KNOW YOU COULDN'T SEE WHAT WAS HAPPENING. WHAT WERE YOU AWARE OF?

'WE GOT LOST DOWN THERE

THERE ARE HUNDREDS OF TUNNELS. OLD SUBWAY SYSTEMS. MAINTENANCE SHAFTS. DRIED-UP AQUIFERS.

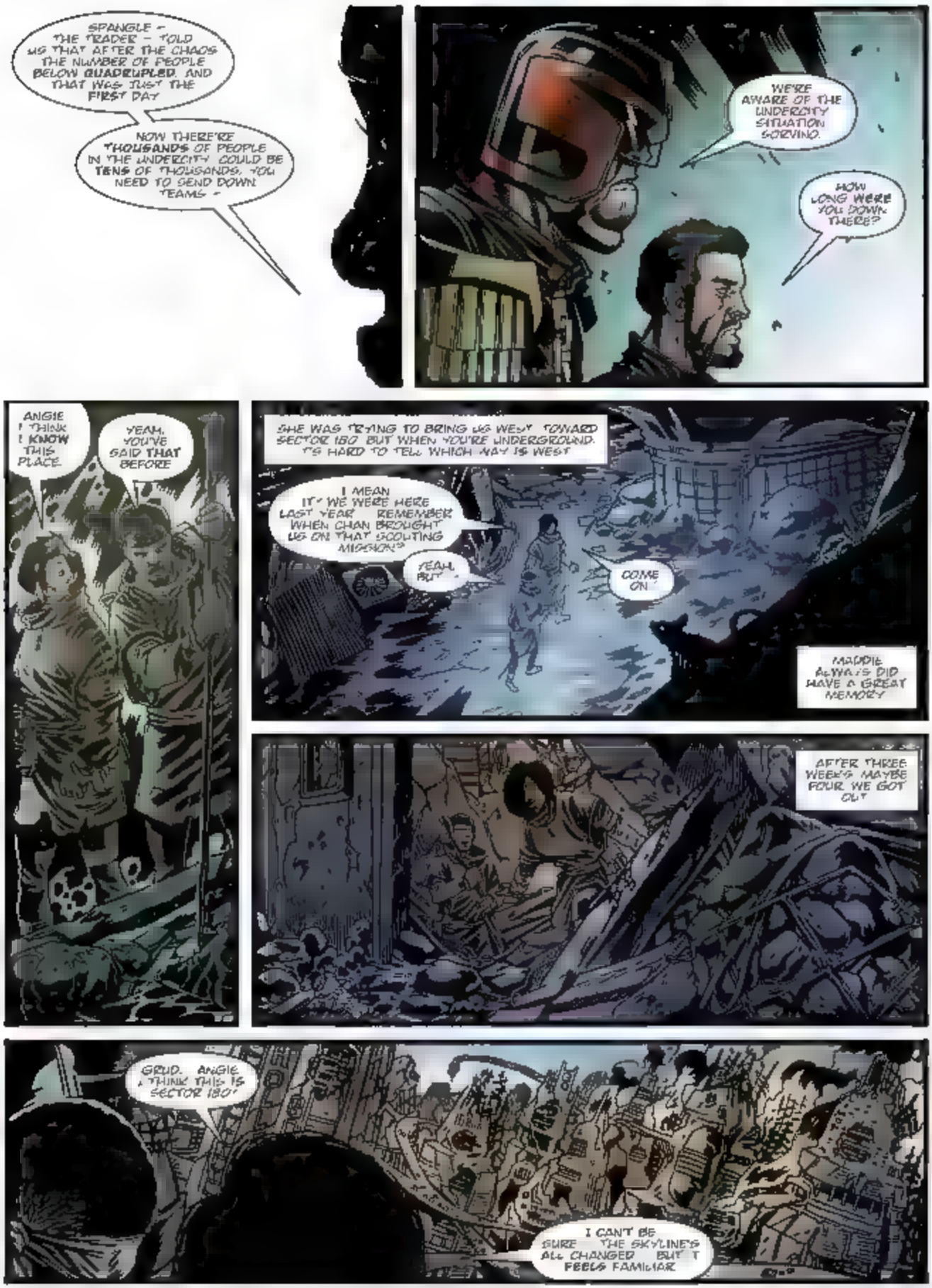
MADDIE ALWAYS SAID SHE KNEW WHERE WE WERE. BUT I COULD TELL SHE WAS LYING.

NO TWO APPLES FOR EACH RAT. THAT'S FOUR.

TRAIDIM POAST

NO KRADITS!

NAH, THEY NOT SKINNED. IS THEY'D WORTH TWO APPLES APIECE IF THEY SKINNED. ONLY ONE IF THEY INT. SKINNIN' TAKES TIME. SEE


SPANGLE - THE TRADER - TOLD US THAT AFTER THE CHAOS THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE BELOW QUADRUPLED. AND THAT WAS JUST THE FIRST DAY
NOW THERE'RE THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE IN THE UNDERCITY. COULD BE TENS OF THOUSANDS. YOU NEED TO SEND DOWN TEAMS -
WE'RE AWARE OF THE UNDERCITY SITUATION SORVINO.
HOW LONG WERE YOU DOWN THERE?
ANGIE I THINK I KNOW THIS PLACE.
YEAH. YOU'VE SAID THAT BEFORE
SHE WAS TRYING TO BRING US WEST TOWARD SECTOR 180 BUT WHEN YOU'RE UNDERGROUND. IT'S HARD TO TELL WHICH WAY IS WEST
I MEAN IT - WE WERE HERE LAST YEAR REMEMBER WHEN CHAN BROUGHT US ON THAT SCOUTING MISSION?
YEAH, BUT -
COME ON -
MADDIE ALWAYS DID HAVE A GREAT MEMORY
AFTER THREE WEEKS MAYBE FOUR WE GOT OUT
GRUD. ANGIE, I THINK THIS IS SECTOR 180 -
I CAN'T BE SURE - THE SKYLINE'S ALL CHANGED - BUT IT FEELS FAMILIAR

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H-WAGON.

T'S LANDING... ANGIE STAY PUT I'LL BRING THEM BACK HERE!

NO WE CAN'T GO TO THE JUDGES! NOT AFTER WHAT WE DID TO THAT FAMILY!

LET ME GO! THEY'LL UNDERSTAND OR WE WON'T TELL THEM!

NO I WON'T LET YOU

ANGIE -

THEY'LL FIND OUT! THEY ALWAYS FIND OUT THE TRUTH!

LET ME GO!

NO!

I DIDN'T MEAN TO I JUST WANTED TO STOP HER

KRUNK!

PARIS AND FALCON - AFTER THEY DITCHED YOU, WHERE DID THEY GO?

I REFUSE TO ANSWER ON THE GROUNDS -

YOU'RE FACING TITAN FOR YOUR PART IN THE DEATH OF A FELLOW CADET SORVINO T'S FAR TOO LATE TO PLAY THE LOYALTY CARD.

YOU WILL TELL US WHAT YOU KNOW ONE WAY OR THE OTHER

FALCON SAID IF THEY CAN GET OUT OF THE MEG THEY'LL HEAD FOR THE NORTHERN RADLANDS. KEEP GOING WEST THROUGH THE ICE DESERTS UNTIL THEY REACH URANIUM CITY

THAT'S CRAZY - IT'LL TAKE MONTHS.

URANIUM CITY. WRAP UP HERE DOLMAN. I'LL PREP THE SHUTTLE.

IF PARIS AND FALCON DID GET OUT THEN JUST LEAVE THEM BE THEY WON'T COME BACK WITHOUT A FIGHT

IT'S NOT THAT SIMPLE SORVINO

IT'S BECAUSE OF THE CLONING PROGRAMME ISN'T IT?

THAT'S WHY DREDD'S SO EAGER TO FIND THEM.

YOU BECAME DISILLUSIONED AS ANOTHER CLONE OF THE BLOODLINE A MACHINE FOR THE DEPARTMENT SO YOU QUIT

TO AVOID THAT HAPPENING AGAIN THEY DON'T TELL US ABOUT OUR GENETIC STOCK ANY MORE. I'M RIGHT AREN'T I?

PRETTY MUCH. YES. EXCEPT THAT IN THIS CASE THE INFORMATION WASN'T WITHHELD IT JUST WASN'T MADE PUBLIC.

SO FALCON KNOWS HE'S ANOTHER OF DREDD'S CLONES?

NO. NOT FALCON.

PARIS IS THE CLONE.

MEGA-CITY ONE, 215x. CHAOS DAY

YOU'LL BE UNDER THE COMMAND OF JUDGE BAYRAM. FOLLOW HER INSTRUCTIONS TO THE LETTER.

GET TO THE ARMOURY AND WATCH EACH OTHER'S BACKS OUT THERE.

ATTENTION ALL UNITS. AFC THE S.S. JUDGE DREDD HAS ORDERED A COMPLETE WITHDRAWAL.

UNITS UNABLE TO COMPLY SHOULD BED DOWN AND AWAIT RESCUE.

DROKKERS THEY'RE LEAVING US BEHIND

URANIUM CITY NOW.

DARRIEN FALCON, MALE AND JESSICA PARIS FEMALE BOTH SIXTEEN YEARS OLD PROBABLY ARRIVED IN A 22 ROADRUNCHER MO-PAD.

DUNNO, BUDDY. WE DON'T GET A LOTTA NEWCOMER'S UP HERE. WHAT'D THEY DO?

THEY'RE AWOL THAT'S ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW.

CADETS, HUH?

COME WITH ME SEE THE CHIEF. HE'LL GET YOU WHATEVER CLEARANCES YOU NEED.

'DOLMAN. MAKE A START WITH THE CITY GATES. THEY SHOULD HAVE A REGISTER OF EVERY INCOMING VEHICLE.
OH YEAH, I REMEMBER. KID WAS TRYIN' TA LOOK OLDER. I USE'TA BE A NIGHTCLUB BOUNCER - I KNOW A FAKER WHEN I SEE ONE.
LET HIM IN ANYWAY - NO LAW AGAINST A KID DRIVIN' A MO PAD, NOT OUT IN THE DESERT
HEAD FOR ROBBINS' BAR. EVERYONE KNOWS EVERYONE DOWN THERE.
RECKON THEY'RE HERE DREDD. SHOULDN'T BE TOO HARD TO FIND -
YOU WANT TO GIVE UP AND GO HOME DOLMAN. BETTER FOR ALL CONCERNED
AFTER ALL THE TROUBLE IT'S TAKEN TO FIND YOU? WHERE'S JESSICA?
SHE DOESN'T WANT TO SEE YOU. DEFINITELY DOESN'T WANT TO SEE HIM.
THAT'S CLOSE ENOUGH.
NEXT TIME YOU'RE LOOKING FOR SOMEONE DON'T ARRIVE IN A JUSTICE DEPARTMENT SHUTTLE. WE CAN ALL HEAR COMING FROM MILES AWAY
JUST LEAVE US BE. YOU CAN'T TAKE US BACK - YOU'RE OUT OF YOUR JURISDICTION HERE!
YOU'RE FORGETTING SOMETHING FALCON.
I DON'T HAVE ANY JURISDICTION. I'M NOT A JUDGE

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AND WHAT'S MORE...

NOW, DREDD!

WHA - ?

UNFF!

WHERE IS SHE?

WHAT DO YOU WANT WITH JESSIE HIM?

WHAT MAKES HER SO SPECIAL THAT YOU'VE COME ALL THIS WAY?

SHE'S MY SISTER

WHAT?
JESSICA PARIS ISN'T TECHNICALLY A CLONE. WHEN THE MADE HER THE GENE TECHS STRIPPED THE SRY GENE FROM HER Y CHROMOSOME BEFORE REPLICATION...
MEANING THAT SHE BECAME FEMALE INSTEAD OF MALE
HEY YOU TWO - BREAK IT UP!
BACK OFF!
PARIS IS THE ONLY ONE OF HER KIND. SO FAR.
SO TELL ME WHERE MY SISTER IS OR I WILL SNAP YOUR NECK. YOUR CHOICE. FALCON.
I SAID BREAK IT UP!
FALCON. YOU KNOW THE RULES ABOUT PUBLIC BRAWLING - YOU WANNA SPEND ANOTHER WEEK IN THE COOLER?

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DAMMIT CHECK WITH YOUR CHIEF I'M HERE WITH JUDGE DREDD -

DON'T HURT HIM - LET HIM GO!

I'LL GO BACK WITH YOU, IF YOU LET HIM STAY

CAN'T DO THAT JE'HACA. HE'S COMING WITH US

PLEASE DOLMAN. UP HERE WE'RE NOT IN ANYONE'S WAY WE'RE -

YOU KNOW WHAT HE'S DONE - AND YOU'RE PART OF IT YOU BOTH HAVE TO ANSWER FOR THAT

LOOK. I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THIS... ARE YOU A JUDGE?

HE WAS. NOT ANY MORE NOW HE'S JUST..

DREDD'S SIDEKICK

HUH. BEGINNING TO MAKE SENSE NOW

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

SLIGHT PUFFINESS AROUND THE FACE. EYES SHOW LACK OF SLEEP. THE WAY SHE'S CARRYING HERSELF

NOT LIKE YOU TO MISS THE DETAILS, DOLMAN.

THIS COMPLICATES THINGS. THE COUNCIL OF FIVE WILL HAVE TO DETERMINE WHAT HAPPENS TO THE CHILD.

STRAP YOURSELVES IN. STORM'S PICKING UP

... AND WE'VE GOT A LONG WAY TO GO

SKULLS

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Art: Trevor Hairsine
Colours: Chris Blythe
Letters: Annie Parkhouse

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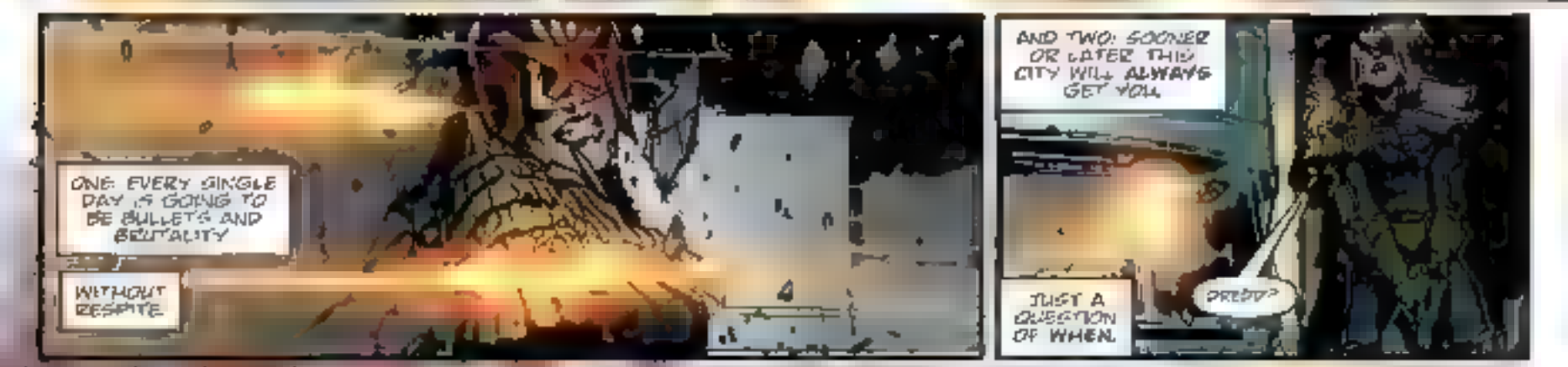
HURKLEY'S BANK
JUSTICE DEPARTMENT! DROP YOUR WEAPONS AND COME OUT OF THE BANK VAULT WITH YOUR HANDS UP!


YOU'RE A JUDGE IN THIS CITY. YOU KNOW TWO THINGS
ONE: EVERY SINGLE DAY IS GOING TO BE BULLETS AND BRUTALITY
WITHOUT RESPITE
AND TWO: SOONER OR LATER THIS CITY WILL ALWAYS GET YOU
JUST A QUESTION OF WHEN.
DREDD?

VADDDOOOM

BUG BOYZ – A NEW GANG GONE PUBLIC SINCE CHAOS DAY. SAY THEY'RE MEANT TO FINISH WHAT THE CHAOS BUG STARTED.

KILLING JUDGES.

WEARING THEIR VICTIMS HELMETS AS BADGES OF HONOUR.

JUST ONE JUDGE LEFT. HIT HIM WITH ANOTHER MISSILE YEAH? AND GET THAT ZAFE OPEN.

YES, GERTZ.

HE SHOULD FEEL ANGRY BUT SINCE THE BUG SINCE BACHMANN... HE COULDN'T REMEMBER THE LAST TIME HE FELT ANGRY

OR MAYBE HE WAS JUST ANGRY ALL THE TIME

HEATSEEKER.

QUICK! THE HOTMITTS!

GOT IT

FINISH HIMZ. I GONNA GIVE GRAMMY MILLY HIS HELMET.

SOUNDED LIKE HE NEEDED TO HAVE A SERIOUS WORD WITH GRAMMY MILLY. THERE WAS THAT AT LEAST.

CUT DOWN BY BULLETS OR BLOWN TO HELL? SOME CHOICE.

DROKK THIS –

SJS!

CEASE ALL WRONGDOING IMMEDIATELY!

SJS?
WHAT ARE SJS DOING ON THE STREET?
UKK!
WHAT THE DROKK —?
AT LEAST THE CREEPS WERE SCARED OF THEM. GOOD TO SEE FEAR ON THE FACES OF JUDGE-KILLERS. FEAR THAT HADN'T BEEN THERE A MINUTE BEFORE
THE CHAOS BUG HAD DONE MORE THAN KILL JUDGES.
KEEPZ FIRING, DROKKZ IT: THEY JUST JUDGEZ!
IT HAD ROTTED THEIR AUTHORITY.
AHHH!
RICOCHET
HEY! IT'S OPEN! I'M A GENIUS WITH A BIG BRAIN.
SAFE DOOR OPENING...

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GET ME A MIZZILE, NOWZ.

GLOK

DOWN.

GERHART?

DREDD.

ACTUALLY OUT FROM BEHIND YOUR DESK?

GERHART WHO'D QUESTIONED HIM AFTER THE INNOCENCE DRUG CASE

GERHART WHO'D HAD THE TEMERITY TO ACCUSE HIM OF MURDER.*

JUST ASK THE DAMN QUESTION.

* DIAGNOTE: SEE PROGS 1775-1779.

CHIEF JUDGE HAS ORDERED SJS TO TAKE ON STREET DUTIES.

WE PICKED UP YOUR CALL FOR BACK-UP

WHY? YOU DIDN'T THINK I'D COME FOR YOU. DID YOU?

DAMN. I WANNA GET ME ONE OF THE SKULL HELMETZ. THEY JUST BE THE BADDEST

THE MISSILE LAUNCHER'S TOO HEAVY GERTZ. THIS IS A TWO-MAN GIG.

JUST PUTZ IT IN.

YOU DON'T LIKE ME DO YOU, DREDD?

WE'LL HAVE TO STOP FIRING TO LAUNCH THE MISSILE THAT'LL GIVE US A SECOND. WE BOTH GO. ONE EITHER SIDE. THEY GET ONE OF US -

- THE OTHER GETS THEM.

BOOM!

BYE BYE JUDGES! THIS CITY BELONGS TO THE BUG BOYZ NOW!

WE WILL OWN ALL YOUR HELMETZ!

GO!

HI-EX!

AHHH!

GERHART WASN'T THERE. WASN'T FIRING.

HE HAD JUST ENOUGH TIME TO REGISTER THAT THOUGHT...

...AND THEN THE MISSILE WAS ON HIM.

KADDOOOOMM

CONTROL MED-UNIT TO MY POSITION NOW

KEEP STILL GERHART HELP'S COMING

DON'T KNOW WHY... YOU DON'T LIKE ME. IT'S BECAUSE YOU KNOW

YOU KNOW WHO I AM.

...YOU BROUGHT THE CHAOS BUG DOWN ON THIS CITY DICKHEAD. YOU KILLED US.

YEAH? SO WHY'D YOU JUST SAVE ME?

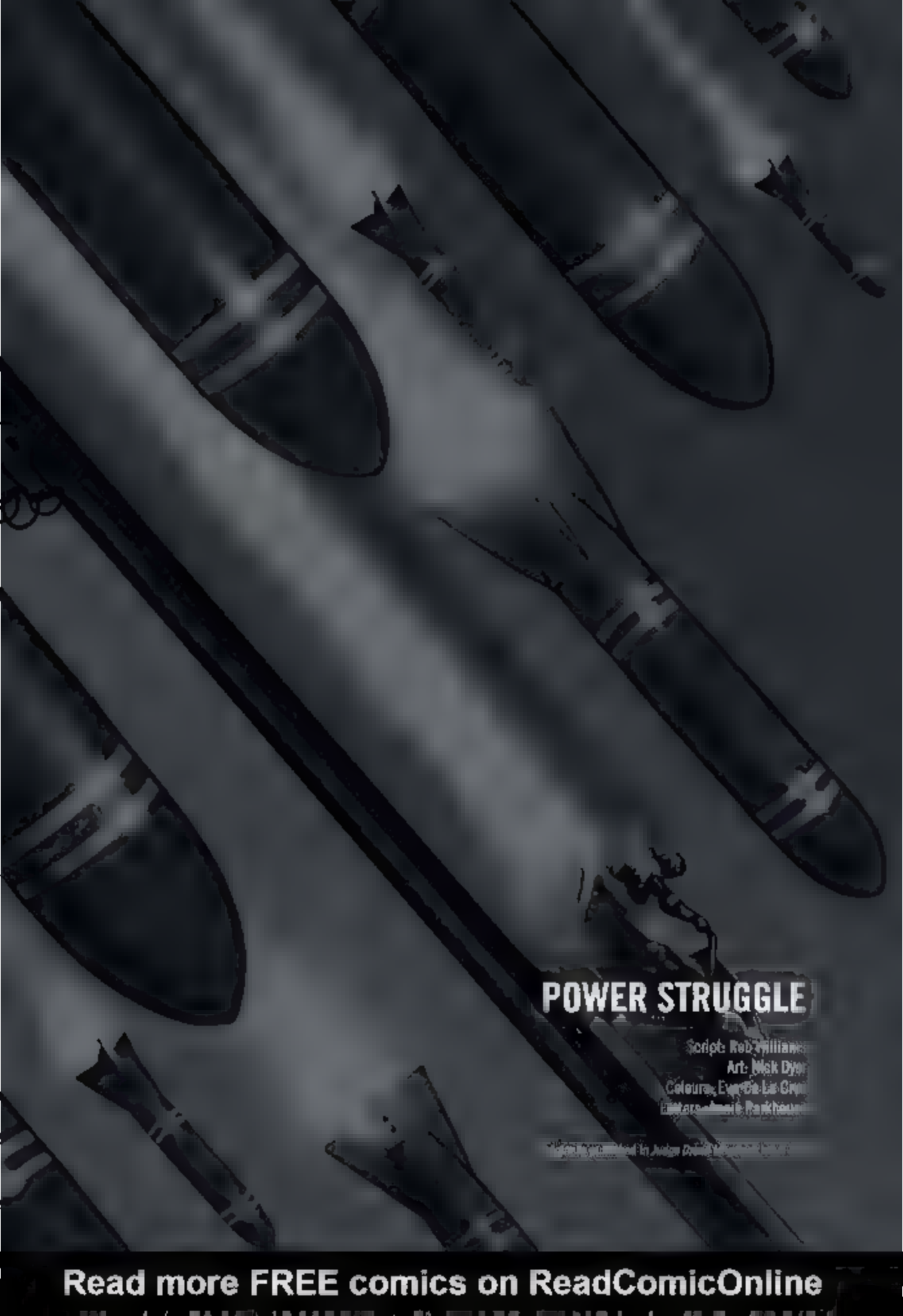
BECAUSE I NEED YOU ALIVE...

...FOR WHEN I PUT YOU ON TRIAL.

"I'M THE ONE WHO'S GOING TO TAKE YOU DOWN. I'M GOING TO FINALLY GIVE YOU WHAT YOU DESERVE

AND YOU KNOW IT

JUST A QUESTION OF WHEN.



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YOU LOOK AT THE CITY AND SEE SOMETHING THAT GOT GUT PUNCHED SPAT ON AND BURNED DOWN

OTHERS SEE AN OPPORTUNITY TO PROFIT

NOT INFECTED HELP US!!

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT USED TO RUN EVERYTHING.

SINCE CHAOS DAY IT'S ALL WE CAN DO TO STOP THE MEG EATING ITS OWN INNARDS.

DESPITE OUR LOW NUMBERS AND EXHAUSTION WE KEEP ON GRINDING. FOR ONE REASON ONLY:

IT'S THE LAW!

MAURICE WORTH. SUCCESSFUL BIG-MEG CEO OF WORTH CORPORATION. SLOGAN 'WE DO THINGS BY THE BOOK AND IT'S A VERY GOOD BOOK!'

FAVOURITE BOOK: HIS TERMS & CONDITIONS.

POWER USED TO BE SUPPLIED IN MEGA-VIA POWER TOWER A VAST GENERATOR PLUGGED INTO THE EARTH'S CORE

BUT OVER THE YEARS IT WAS DECIDED TO SUB-LICENSE THE CITY'S POWER TO DIFFERENT SUPPLIERS ALL OVER THE CITY RATHER THAN HAVE A SINGLE OPEN TARGET FOR TERRORISTS

THE BUG AND THE RESULTING DESTRUCTION DESTROYED A BUNCH OF OUR POWER STATIONS AND SURVIVING JUDGES HAD BETTER THINGS TO DO THAN REBUILD UNITMES.

THE CHIEF JUDGE DIDN'T LIKE IT BUT SHE TEMPORARILY HIRED WORTH'S CORPORATION TO FIX UP AND RUN A BUNCH OF THE MAJOR POWER STATIONS

HE GOT THE NOD BECAUSE HE WAS NOTORIOUSLY WORLD-CLASS OFFICIOUS- THE THINKING WAS **TRUSTWORTHY**

NOT INSANE - IMPORTANT

POWER'S ALSO KIND OF IMPORTANT

THE CITIZENS NOT BEING ABLE TO GO BRAIN-COMA IN FRONT OF THEIR FAVOURITE VID-SOAP WAS ONE THING.

THE COOLING SYSTEM ON OUR **NUKES** FAILING WAS ANOTHER.

WORTH CORP SENT IN THEIR BILLS TO US IN ACCOUNTS DIVISION, REGULAR AS CLOCKWORK NATCH.

THEN **BACHMANN** ATTEMPTED HER LITTLE **GODCITY COUP** AND I THINK IT'S FAIR TO SAY WE IN ACCOUNTS DEPARTMENT GOT A LITTLE DISTRACTED.

YZ 34.2% OF ACCOUNTS DIVISION BEING KILLED BY BACHMANN'S NINJA JUDGES WILL DO THAT

SO I GOT THE CALL HEAD OF ACCOUNTS JUDGE MAITLAND.

WHICH SOUNDS GREAT RIGHT UP TO THE POINT WHERE.

SWEET LOW-FLYING JOYUS

PROBLEM, MAITLAND?

DAMN RIGHT THERE'S A PROBLEM.. HA! MAN HE'S GOT SOME NERVE.

ACCOUNTS

WHO?

WORTH CORP CLAIMS WE'RE LATE ON OUR POWER-BILL PAYMENTS AND AS A PENALTY THEY'VE **DOUBLED** THE AMOUNT WE OWE THEM.

HE CAN'T DO THAT

OVERDUE!

FASCINATING...

ACCOUNTS

GET ME MAURICE WORTH, PLEASE NOW!

CITIZEN WORTH

ACCOUNTS JUDGE MAITLAND.

WHAT THE DRUNK ARE YOU PLAYING AT WITH THIS BILL?

IT IS ALL CLEARLY STATED IN OUR TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

SUB-CLAUSE #1347-B(D SUB CATEGORY RED). AS I'M SURE YOU ARE AWARE IF YOU DO NOT PAY BY A SPECIFIED DATE THE FEE DOUBLES.

YOUR PREDECESSOR AGREED THIS CONTRACT

MY PREDECESSOR HAD HIS HEAD CUT OFF AND OUR SERVER WAS DESTROYED IN THE RECENT ATTEMPTED COUP RECORDS WERE LOST

YOU'VE MADE YOUR POINT WORTH. I'LL AUTHORISE PAYMENT TODAY FOR THE ORIGINAL FULL AMOUNT

I'M AFRAID NOT JUDGE MAITLAND THE DOUBLE AMOUNT IS NOW THE REQUIRED AMOUNT

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT SIGNED THE CONTRACT IT IS THE LAW

PAY BY MIDNIGHT TONIGHT OR WE TURN OFF THE POWER TO THE MISSILE SITE. SIMPLE AS THAT

HA! WORTH, YOU SHUT OFF THE POWER AND THE COOLING SYSTEMS ON THOSE NUKES OVERHEAT AND YOU AND EVERYONE WITHIN A COUPLE OF MILES OF THE SITE DIES

RULES ARE RULES JUDGE MAITLAND. THEY MUST BE OBEYED OR ELSE WE TUMBLE INTO CHAOS

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CALL. IT WAS IMPORTANT TO ME.

OH CRAP

THE FUN OF BEING HEAD OF ACCOUNTS, I HAD TO GO TO THE CHIEF JUDGE TELLING HER HOW AN ADMINISTRATIVE SNAFU HAD ESCALATED SLIGHTLY

SHE EXPECTS PAPERCLIPS STIFLED YAWN ON STANDBY

I GIVE HER MULTIPLE NUCLEAR MELTDOWNS AND A COUPLE OF HUNDRED THOUSAND DEAD.

SHE CALLED IN THE CONTRACT SCHOLARS.

UM, IT'S LEGALLY BINDING. YOU SIGNED IT

ACCOUNTS TOLD ME TO SIGN. DO YOU REALLY THINK I HAVE THE TIME TO READ EVERY DROKKING TOME OF SMALL PRINT?

DO YOU KNOW HOW LITTLE MONEY WE HAVE IN THE ECONOMY? AND WHAT'S THERE HAS TO BE USED TO REBUILD THIS CITY!

WE CANNOT BE HELD HOSTAGE THIS WAY BESIDES HE WON'T DO IT

YOU'VE MET HIM. HE'S LIKE DREDD IF DREDD HAD GONE TO BUSINESS SCHOOL.

FOURTEEN MINUTES TO POWER CUT-OFF CHIEF JUDGE.

GRUDDAMMIT! HE'S GOT US... TO THE LAW!

PAY THE BILL!

GUN

UH. I'VE LOST CONTACT WITH THE JUDGES ON SITE.

CCTV FOOTAGE IS SHOWING GUNFIRE.

IF THEY'RE SHOOTING AT JUDGES HE CAN SHOVE HIS PAYMENT UP HIS LIQUID ASSETS.

DREDD! MOVE IN!

UNDERSTOOD

CREEPS ABOUT TO GET HIS OWN ZED BILL

DREDD! GUARDS ON THE GATE COMPLEX!

ATTENTION WORTH CORPORATION EMPLOYEES! YOU ARE ALL UNDER ARREST!

OPEN THESE GATES IMMEDIATELY!

UNTIL YOU PAY WE ARE CHARGED TO PROTECT THIS BASE FROM ALL INTRUDERS!

SO DIRECT DEBT THIS JUDGE SCUM!

GRUD, THEY'VE GOT A PRIVATE ARMY!

GUNNING

BIKE CANNONS -- FULL AUTO!

AND RAMMING SPEED

NOT A DENT!

BROOK! GONNA HIT --!

CONTROL! NO WAY THROUGH AND WE'RE PINNED DOWN! WE'VE GOT TWO MINUTES TO MELTDOWN

WILCO. HEAVIGON INCOMING

WORTH CORPORATION EMPLOYEES.' YOU ARE ORDERED TO STAND DOWN!

DROKK YOU, IT'S AN OPEN MARKET AND WE'RE BETTER ARMED THAN THE COMPETITION.!

PRICE COMPARISON THIS.!

YO!' WHERE THERE'S A BULL THERE'S A WAY!

ONE MINUTE TO DEADLINE CHIEF JUDGE THE PRICE HAS NOW **QUADRUPLED** AS PER MICRO-SCOPIC SMALL PRINT DO YOU WISH TO PAY?

THIS IS EXTORTION WORTH, PURE AND SIMPLE. I'LL SEE YOU BOTH IN A CUBE FOR THIS

IF YOU DO NOT PAY CHIEF JUDGE THEN I SHALL BE DEAD FROM RADIATION POISONING BEFORE I EVEN SEE A CUBE

BUT.. RULES ARE RULES..

THIRTY SECONDS TO CUT-OFF

LAUNCH 'EM!

OH. HE WOULD SAY THAT.

NO! CHIEF JUDGE DREDD'S RIGHT! LAUNCH THE MISSILES!

YOU CAN TAKE THE JUDGE OUT OF THE APOCALYPSE WAR EH.

CHIEF JUDGE! YOU'RE NOT CONSIDERING...?

LAUNCH ALL NUKES IN THE NORTH CORPORATION SITE! IMMEDIATELY!

THEY'VE ALL GONE MAD.

UH... YOU FEEL SOMETHING?

CUSTOMERS.

THEY'LL DO ANYTHING TO AVOID PAYING

THE BIRDS WERE FLYING

. AND 84.764% OF THE WORTH CORPORATION'S PRIVATE ARMY WERE INCINERATED DURING LIFT-OFF INCLUDING MAURICE WORTH.

THE MELTDOWN WASN'T AFFECTING MEGA-CITY ONE ANY MORE, BUT WE HAD KIND OF SHIFTED THE PROBLEM ONTO SOMEONE ELSE.

DREDD OFFERED A COUPLE OF SUGGESTIONS OF WHERE TO SEND THEM BUT THE CHIEF JUDGE DECIDED THEY WOULDN'T NECESSARILY BE WISE.

I THINK DREDD WAS JOKING. IT'S DIFFICULT TO TELL.

IT'S CALLED THE BLACK ATLANTIC FOR A REASON. I GUESS.

AS THE CHIEF JUDGE SAID. WE'VE GOT PLENTY MORE NUKES.

THEY WERE BUILT TO FIGHT THE SOVS. BUT THE SOVS DON'T SEND MISSILES ANY MORE. THEY SEND **DISEASES**

LESSON LEARNED I THINK NO MORE PRIVATE CONTRACTING WE HAVE TO GET THIS CITY BACK ON ITS FEET OURSELVES.

EASY FOR **YOU** TO SAY SAT BEHIND THAT DESK.

HEY ACCOUNTS IS A DANGEROUS BUSINESS DREDD. YOU COULDN'T HANDLE IT ONE SLIP OF THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS AND **NUCLEAR BOOM!**

FASCINATING

WASTELANDS

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HE RIDES THE **WASTELANDS**. THE RUINED HEART OF THE CITY - THE ASH AND RUBBLE AND CRUMBLING UNTENDED REMAINS WHERE THE CORPSES STILL ROTTING AND LAWLESSNESS RUNS WILD.

IT IS HERE WHEN TIME AND DUTY ALLOW HE CHOOSES TO PATROL ENDLESSLY SIFTING THROUGH THE DEBRIS TURNING OVER THE ROCKS TO SEE WHAT CRAWLS OUT

JUDGE

- A SELF-INFLICTED **PENANCE** A **PUNISHMENT**

HIS NAME'S ROGUE! HE'S MY SON. I'VE LOST HIM. I HAVE TO FIND HIM. HE COULD BE SICK IN TROUBLE OH GRUD DON'T KNOW I'M SO WORRIED.

YOU ARE?

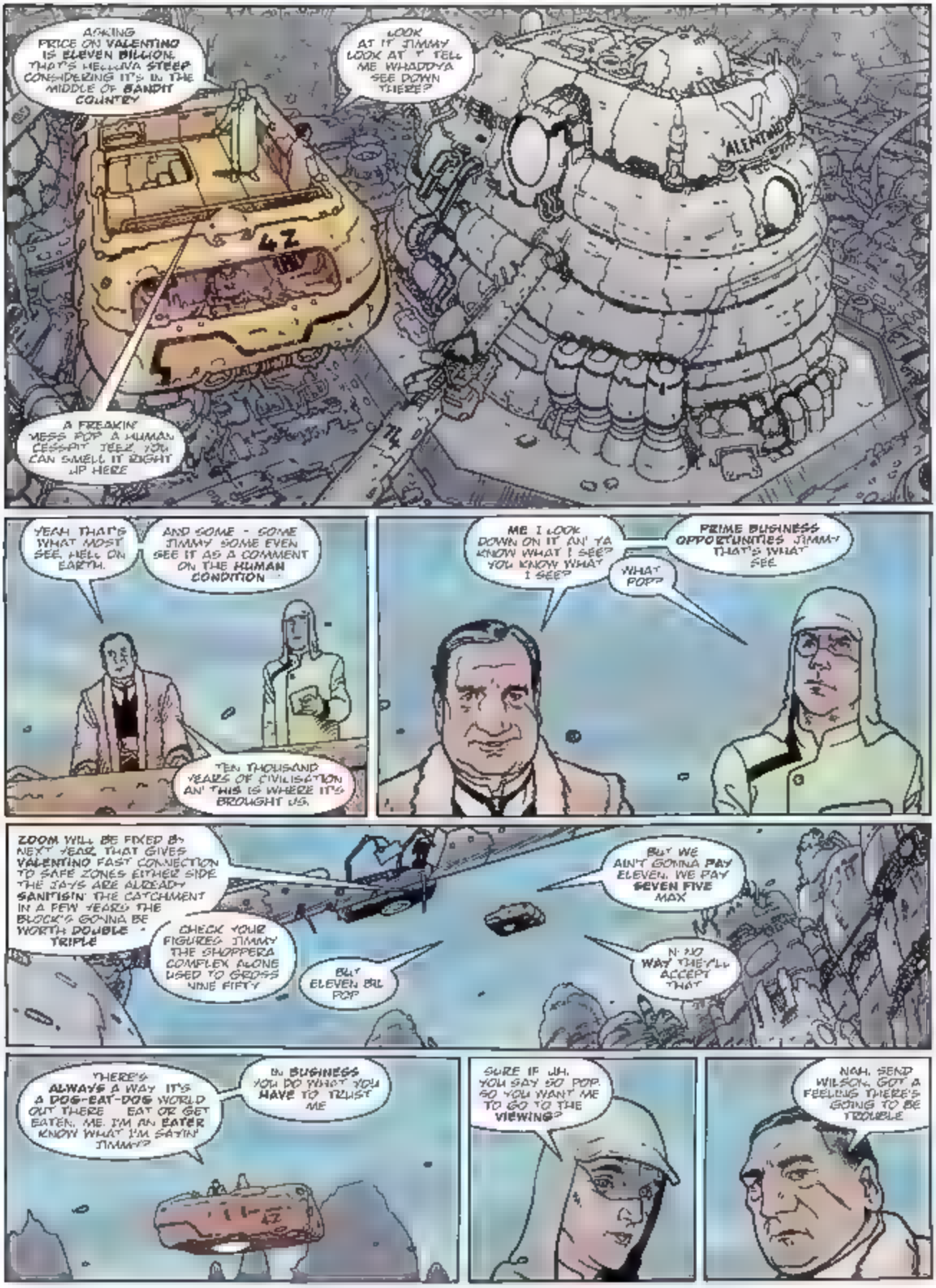
SINGERTY MATTA JANE. I WAS IN THE **MEEGE HABS**. SECTOR 19. I CAME LOOKING. I HAVE TO FIND HIM. HE'S MY SON. HE NEEDS ME

WE'LL KEEP OUR EYE OUT FOR HIM CITIZEN.

YOU SHOULDN'T BE OUT HERE. THE AREA'S DANGEROUS

HE PASSES HER ON TO REFUGE. SO MANY LIKE HER LOST AND BEREFT. SO MANY **DEAD** AND **MISSING**

ENEMY ACTION OR NOT HE CAN'T ESCAPE THE GUILT. THIS IS **HIS** DOING. **HIS** BITTER HARVEST. THE SEEDS HE'D SOWN SO MANY YEARS BEFORE


ASKING PRICE ON VALENTINO IS ELEVEN BILLION. THAT'S HELLUVA STEEP CONSIDERING IT'S IN THE MIDDLE OF BANDIT COUNTRY
LOOK AT IT JIMMY LOOK AT T TELL ME WHADDYA SEE DOWN THERE?
A FREAKIN' MESS POP A HUMAN CESSPIT JEEZ YOU CAN SMELL IT RIGHT UP HERE
YEAH THAT'S WHAT MOST SEE, HELL ON EARTH.
AND SOME - SOME JIMMY SOME EVEN SEE IT AS A COMMENT ON THE HUMAN CONDITION
TEN THOUSAND YEARS OF CIVILISATION AN' THIS IS WHERE IT'S BROUGHT US.
ME I LOOK DOWN ON IT AN' YA KNOW WHAT I SEE? YOU KNOW WHAT I SEE?
WHAT POP?
PRIME BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES JIMMY THAT'S WHAT I SEE.
ZOOM WILL BE FIXED BY NEXT YEAR THAT GIVES VALENTINO FAST CONNECTION TO SAFE ZONES EITHER SIDE THE JAYS ARE ALREADY SANITISIN' THE CATCHMENT IN A FEW YEARS THE BLOCK'S GONNA BE WORTH DOUBLE - TRIPLE
CHECK YOUR FIGURES JIMMY THE SHOPPERA COMPLEX ALONE USED TO GROSS NINE FIFTY
BUT ELEVEN BIL POP
BUT WE AIN'T GONNA PAY ELEVEN. WE PAY SEVEN FIVE MAX
N- NO WAY THEY'LL ACCEPT THAT
THERE'S ALWAYS A WAY IT'S A DOG-EAT-DOG WORLD OUT THERE EAT OR GET EATEN, ME. I'M AN EATER KNOW WHAT I'M SAYIN' JIMMY?
IN BUSINESS YOU DO WHAT YOU HAVE TO TRUST ME
SURE IF UH. YOU SAY SO POP. SO YOU WANT ME TO GO TO THE VIEWING?
NAH. SEND WILSON. GOT A FEELING THERE'S GOING TO BE TROUBLE

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THIS IS **BANDIT COUNTRY**. EXPECT **HOSTILES** IN THE PREMISES. DON'T TAKE UNNECESSARY RISKS. USE THE **ROBOTS** FOR COVER - WE CAN **REPAIR** THEM. WE MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO REPAIR **YOU**.

AUXILIARY UNITS WAIT FOR THE **ALL CLEAR** BEFORE PROCEEDING. HOLD ALL STRAYS FOR PROCESSING. NOBODY TO **REHAB** TILL THEY'VE BEEN PROPERLY ASSESSED

NOW LET'S **MOVE**

LOOKS LIKE DREDD.

I HEARD YOU WERE ON SANITATION DETAIL.

IT'S A DIRTY JOB BUT SOMEONE'S GOT TO DO IT

YOU WERE DOWN FOR **REST LEAVE**. CHIEF JUDGE SAYS YOU DECLINED. LIKE TO EXPLAIN?

BEST TO KEEP BUSY THAT WAY I DON'T HAVE TIME TO THINK ABOUT WHAT WE LIVED THROUGH

I HAVE TO DEAL WITH IT SOMETIME BEEN?

AND WHAT IF I DECIDE I DON'T WANT TO COME BACK?

THAT'S YOUR CALL. FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH I THINK YOU'LL MAKE THE RIGHT ONE.

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO WANTS TO **CHANGE** THINGS. JUST REMEMBER YOU DO THAT A LOT EASIER FROM THE **INSIDE**.

WE GOT ONE FOR **RESYK**. MALE WHITE MID-THIRTIES. CAME AT US WITH A BLADE.

GEMME GO! I'LL KICK YOU!

HOLD 'EM THERE. JOHNNO'S WITH A REHAB CREW.

TWO **LIVE** ONES - **JUVES** MAY BE TREATABLE

WHAT ABOUT YOU? DO YOU THINK ABOUT IT?

NOW AND THEN.

WORK ON THE SPORTS COMPLEX SHOULD BE COMPLETE NEXT WEEK

VALENTINO

IN ADDITION TO THE OLYMPIC-SIZE POOL THERE ARE FOUR TENNIS COURTS. RUNNING TRACK. SEPARATE SPORTS HALL AND GYMNASIUM. ANTI-GRAV DOME AS WELL AS RESTAURANT AND LEISURE FACILITIES

ALL STATE OF THE ART FLEXIBLE PLASTEX WALLS ON THE ANTI-GRAV DOME GRADE 7 ROBOT INSTRUCTORS IN THE GYM.

PREVIOUS OWNERS CHARGED A FEE OF **EIGHT THOUSAND CREDITS** PER ANNUM FOR MEMBERSHIP **TWELVE THOUSAND** FOR **NON RESIDENTS**. LAST SET OF ACCOUNTS WE HAVE SHOWS ANNUAL NET PROFIT IN EXCESS OF SIXTY MILLION.

THERE ARE 372 **APARTMENTS**. RANGING FROM **BASIC LUXURY** TO **SUPER LUXURY PLUS**. FURNISHINGS DESIGNED BY **ALTO** OF PARIS.

THIS IS THE **SUPER LUXURY**. ALL THESE APARTMENTS HAVE AS STANDARD AN EXTENDABLE TERRACE. PLEASE STAND BACK

MARVELLOUS.

QUITE A VIEW FROM UP HERE

PRE-CHAOS RENTALS AMOUNTED TO **$61 MILLION** PER ANNUM. WITH SERVICE CHARGES THAT FIGURE INCREASED TO **$67**

THAT'S STILL LESS THAN SEVEN PER CENT RETURN.

BUT FACTOR IN THE **SHOPPERAMA** AND OTHER RETAIL OUTLETS MS MOTLEY AND WE'RE APPROACHING TWENTY PER CENT. **VALENTINO** WILL ATTRACT A VERY SELECT CLASS OF RESIDENT BELIEVE ME THE BIG **CHAINS** ARE PRACTICALLY BITING EACH OTHER'S **THROATS** OUT TO GET PRIME POSITIONS

HOW MANY PEOPLE **DIED** HERE. COURTNEY?

IN THIS APARTMENT OR THE BLOCK AS A WHOLE?

THE BLOCK IT STILL **STINKS** OF **DEATH** AND LOOK AT IT SURROUNDED BY DERELICTION. ONLY A **FOOL** WOULD INVEST **ELEVEN BILLION** AND I ASSURE YOU **ONAN STARBUX** IS ANYTHING BUT

THAT'S ALL **HISTORY** MR WILSON. I ASSURE YOU UNTIL THE WHOLE AREA IS MADE SAFE **BLOCK SECURITY** WILL BE ROCK SOLID.

DON'T LIKE THE LOOK OF THAT'

MR COURTNEY BEGIN ON THE DOOR! SHEFFERS HEADING YOUR WAY THEY DON LIKE TROUBLE PLEASE GET INSIDE THE BUILDING SIR

THIS WAY PLEASE! HURRY!

OH MY GRUD - !

CALL THE LAW!

YOU YOUNG THUGS!

THIS IS OUR TERRITORY GIMP! WE OWN THIS BLOCK!

MR COURTNEY! OH MY GRUD - !

DREDD RESPONDS TO THE CALL.

DROKK! THAT'S A DEFINITE HOMICIDE

MED UNITS TO VALENTINO! EXPECT FURTHER CASUALTIES!

THE LAW! SCRAMOLA!

CONTROL WE HAVE SIX MASKED SURFERS LEAVING VALENTINO AERIAL UNIT REQUIRED

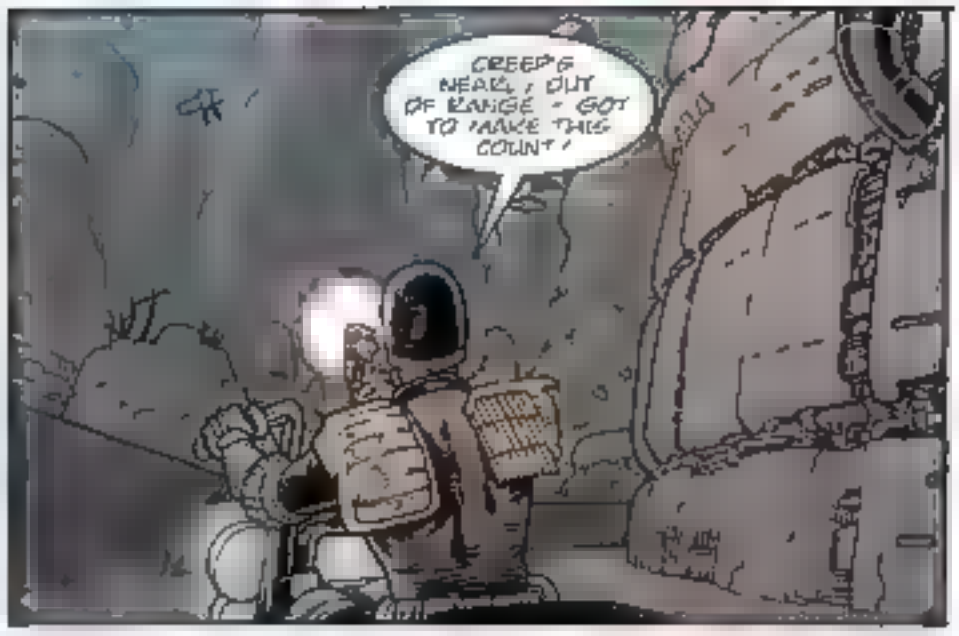
THAT'S A BOLO FOR IN FIVE

FIVE'S TOO DAMNED LONG

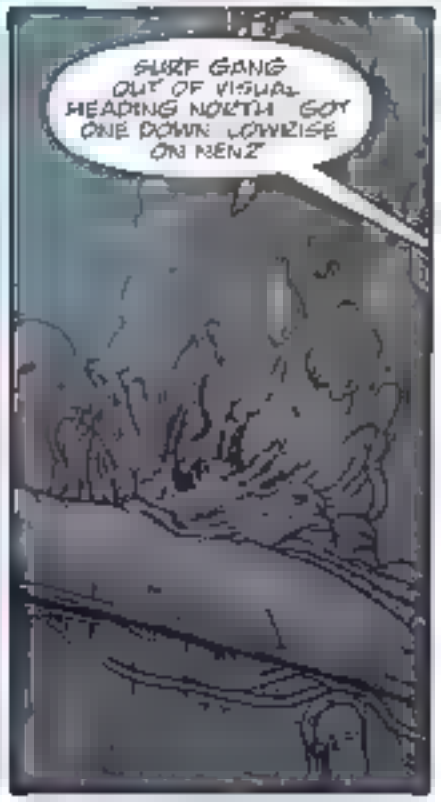
ONE SURFER TAKES A HIT -

ONLY HIS BUDDY LINE SAVES HIM -

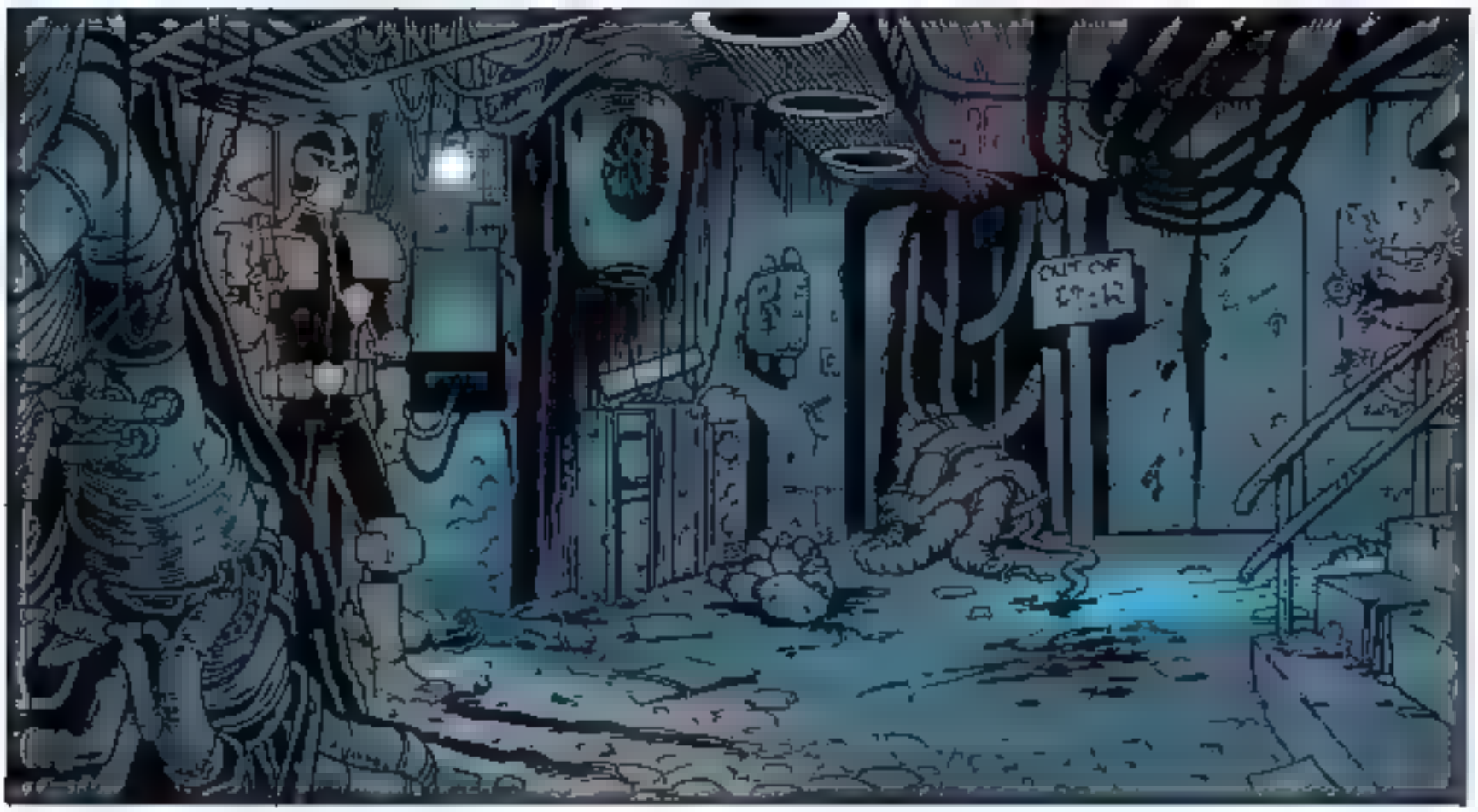
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, DESCRIBE THE INJURIES? WE'RE ALL INJURED. THERE'S A WOMAN UNCONSCIOUS HERE. SHE COULD BE DYING!


CREEPS NEAR, OUT OF RANGE - GOT TO MAKE THIS COUNT!

AAAAHHH!


SURF GANG OUT OF VISUAL HEADING NORTH. GOT ONE DOWN. LOWRISE ON MENZ

FREAKIN' JAYS MAN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HELMET RECEIVERS AMPLIFY SOUND FROM ABOVE -

JUST RATS. FEEDING ON A DECOMPOSING CORPSE -

FOOTFALL COMING DOWN

UNEVEN - CREEP'S LIMPING.

FAR AS YOU GO RAISE 'EM.

YOU CAN DROP DEAD LAWMAN.

NO IT APPEARS YOU DID.

I NEED A FORENSICS UNIT HERE NOW. CONTROL

DECEASED MALE HISPANIC THIRTIES - TWIN TRACK SCARD DOWN LEFT CHEEK DON'T LOOK RECENT SEE IF YOU CAN GIVE ME AN I.D.

TELL FORENSICS I'LL BE ON THE ROOF

WE GOT A DOUBLE MATCH ON THAT CAR PINTO ARNOLD LUIS, THIRTY-TWO FORMERLY OF HERB ALPERT PROJECTS. OFFICER JOE WHOLE COMPLEX WENT UP IN SMOKE DURING CHAOS

HE'S A LONG WAY FROM 221.

THE REMAINS OF HIS POWERBOARD GANG LOGO TAPED OVER -

PINTO HAS NOT SINCE SHOWN UP FOR HIS ARGUMENT CREEP- GOT A RECORD AS LONG AS THREATS AND MENACES, THREE YEARS IN VARIOUS ISO-BLOCKS.

GONE FERAL.

SCUM OF THE EARTH

CHARLES COURTNEY SELLING AGENT WITH SMARTCO. THEY BOUGHT VALENTINO, REFURBISHED T COURTNEY WAS SHOWING A PARTY OF POTENTIAL BUYERS ROUND.

SURF GANG ATTACK'S NOT GOING TO DO WONDERS FOR SALES.

USED TO BE ONE OF THE BLOCKS IN THE CITY - COULDN'T EVEN SNIFF VALENTINO AIR FOR LESS THAN TEN MIL. CHAOS PLAGUE WENT THROUGH THEM LIKE A BAD MEAL AT A CHEAP EATERIE

IT WAS NO RESPECTER OF FORTUNES.

HE TAKES NAMES AND DETAILS. SEVERAL VIEWERS REQUIRE HOSPITALISATION. IF EDEMA MOTLEY OF DISTRICT I PROPERTIES DIES IT MAKES IT A DOUBLE HOMICIDE

I'M TELLING YOU JIMMY JO WAT S THIS WORTH ELEVEN BIL IT'S A FREAKIN' WARZONE

THEY'LL NEVER SELL THE BLOCK WITH THIS SORT OF THING GOING ON. THE AREA'S NOT WHAT T WAS.

REGIS SECURITY

SOME SECURITY

THEY WERE PAST US BEFORE WE COULD DO ANYTHING WE DIDN'T EXPECT FLIERS.

THEY CLAIMED THIS WAS THEIR TERRITORY YOUVE HAD TROUBLE WITH THEM BEFORE?

NEVER SEEN 'EM. I BEEN ON THIS BLOCK FOR SIX MONTHS PLUS GET THE USUAL RUN OF BUMS AND TROUBLEMAKERS. NOTHING LIKE THIS.

SO WHY NOW? WHY TODAY? THE MOTIVE CLEARLY WASN'T ROBBERY

SHEER WANTON VIOLENCE? POSSIBLE. IT HAPPENS.

CREEPS WITH A GRUDGE? AGAINST THE OWNERS - THE SECURITY TEAM? CREEPS THEY RUBBED UP THE WRONG WAY?

MAYBE REGIS ISN'T TELLING HIM EVERYTHING...

FIND THE REST OF THE SURFERS AND HE GETS HIS ANSWERS.

A LOT OF GANG RECORDS HAD BEEN DESTROYED WITH THE STATUE OF JUDGEMENT BUT THERE ARE OTHER WAYS.

CONTROL. PUT OUT A CALL TO ALL UNITS - DETAILS ON SURF GANG SCUM OF THE EARTH, SPECIFICALLY WITH LINKS TO ARNOLD LUIS PINTO. ANYONE WITH INFORMATION CONTACT ME DIRECT

CAR COMIN' GOT TO BE THEM.

SLUM OF THE EARTH

WHERE ARE THE OTHER TWO?

WHAT TWO?

JUDGES GOT ONE THERE WERE SIX OF YOU. I ONLY COUNT THREE

YEAH. WELL TAKE AN 'A' FOR 'RITHMETIC TEACH. WHAT'S IT TO YOU? YOU BRING THE REST OF THE MONEY?

YOU **FOULED** UP DEGU. YOU WERE TOLD NOTHING **EXCESSIVE**

YEAH. WELL WE'RE ENTHUSIASTIC IN OUR WORK. SO WHAT? WE DONE THE JOB. SCARED THE CACK OUTA THEM.

COME ON. COME ON. MAN. WHERE'S THE MONEY?

INSTEAD WE HAVE ONE **DEAD** AND A WOMAN FIGHTING FOR HER LIFE THAT MAKES ME UNHAPPY

THAT MAKES **MUTCH** HERE UNHAPPY TOO DOESN'T IT MUTCH?

IT MAKES ME VERY UNHAPPY WALDO THAT MAKES ME VERY UNHAPPY INDEED.

AND THAT MAKES YOU EXPENDABLE

VERY EXPENDABLE INDEED.

HOLY SHEEEE - -

IMAGE TAKEN BY SALIM SALT BUYER'S AGENT BEFORE THE ATTACK.

PINTO, AEROLD LUIS, 32 AKA GIMP FORMERLY HERB ALPERT PROJECTS, SECTOR 321.

DECEASED.

DREDD TINDALL YOU ASKED FOR INFORMATION ON LUIS PINTO I PUT HIM AWAY FOR A THREE STRETCH A FEW YEARS BACK VI CHARGE.

I WAS ATTACHED TO SECTOR HOUSE 39 THEN. PINTO USED TO HANG WITH A GANG OF SURF FREAKS THERE PLASTEEN PARK AREA USED THE NAME SCUM OF THE EARTH

ANY PARTICULARS ON OTHER MEMBERS?

CHECK OUT RODNEY DEGU CHIEF BAD BOY THOUGH FOR SOME REASON WE NEVER MANAGED TO PIN MUCH ON HIM.

PETRIS BASH AKA GEEZER NUTJOB OJ AND OUT OF THE CUBES LIKE A RAT IN A HOLE

THERE WAS ANOTHER ONE CALLED SIMMONS OR SYMONS THAT WAS IT WARNE SYMONS AKA DISH. HE WAS NO DISH I CAN TELL YOU. THERE THE MEMORY FOOFS

THAT'S USEFUL TINDALL. I OWE YOU

LARRY - ONAN STARBUX. HEARD ABOUT YOUR TROUBLE AT VALENTINO TODAY

WHADDYA MEAN, NOTHIN'? YOUR SELLING AGENT **DEAD** - ONE ON **LIFE SUPPORT**? MY **OWN** GUY'S JUST BACK FROM **HOSPT'AL**.

FACE Y LARRY YOU MADE A BUM INVESTMENT THE BLOCK AIN'T GONNA SELL WHO'S GONNA **BUY** WITH Y STUCK OUT THERE IN THE **WASTELANDS** LOOKIN' LIKE A PRIME TARGET?

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BUT I'M A NICE GUY AN' I LIKE YA LARRY SO I'LL TELL YA WHAT I'M GONNA DO - **SEVEN BIL** THAT'S AN **OFFER** LARRY

LISTEN. I **KNOW** YA PICKED IT UP FOR **FIVE TWO** REFURBISHMENT COST **ONE BIL FIVE** AND THAT STILL LEAVES YOU WITH **THREE HUNDRED MIL** IN YOUR POCKET THREE HUNDRED MIL AN' YOU WALK AWAY CLEAN

SURE SURE. WELL YOU THINK ABOUT Y LARRY JUST ASK YOURSELF HOW MUCH MORE CRAPPOLA GOTTA HIT THE FAN BEFORE **SEVEN** STARTS TO LOOK REAL ATTRACTIVE?

YOU **SAID** THERE WAS GOING TO BE TROUBLE AT VALENTINO, POP

MUST BE **PSYCHIC** HUH, JIMMY?

HOLD THE MESSAGES JANICE.

YES, MR STARBUX.

SOMETHIN' YOU BETTER LEARN, JIMMY. THERE'S TWO TYPES OF PEOPLE IN THIS WORLD. THERE'S THE **DOERS** - PEOPLE LIKE **ME** - AND THERE'S THE **LITTLE** PEOPLE. AN' THE LITTLE PEOPLE DON'T MATTER. THEY'RE JUST **GRUBS**, JIMMY CRAWLIN' AROUND IN THE **DUNS** HEAP

JOVIS GRUD HOW MANY OF THEM DIED IN THE FREAKIN' **CHAOS**? **MILLIONS**. YOU THINK ONE **MORE** MAKES ANY DIFFERENCE?

SO YOU GOTTA GET SMART AN' STAY SMART I MAY UNLESS YOU WANNA TURN INTO A TILE PEOPLE YOURSELF YOU SET YOUR GOALS AN' YOU DON'T LET NOTHIN' STOP YOU.

AN' IF A FEW OF THE GRUBS GET **SQUASHED** ALONG THE WAY WELL THAT'S JUST **BUSINESS**...

YOU THINK THE BOYS ARE GETTIN' THE MESSAGE MUTCH?

I BELIEVE THEY MAY BE WALDO I BELIEVE THEY MAY

AHHH! JOVIS -

WE'RE LOOKING FOR YOUR FRIENDS GEEZER

WALDO'S ASKING YOU POLITELY GEEZER. BETTER ANSWER

I DON'T KNOW NOTHIN' MAN!

AH, THE AGE-OLD CRY HE DON'T KNOW NOTHING.

EVEN THE GROMMETS POOR WALDO

THREE DEAD GEEZER. AND YOU. THAT LEAVES **TWO**, AND MUTCH AND I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A QUIET WORD WITH THESE TWO. SO WHERE **ARE** THEY?

I-I-I DON'T KNOW C'MON, MAN I'M BLEEDIN' LIKE A **CHAOS** VIC HERE

I WAS AFRAID YOU'D BE DIFFICULT NOW I'M GOING TO HAVE TO **HURT** YOU, GEEZER

WHAT DO YOU THINK MUTCH? START WITH AN **EAR**? A **NOSE**?

J-JOVIS OKAY LOOK, I'LL TELL YOU!

YES YOU WILL TELL US BUT I'M AFRAID IT'S NOT GOING TO SAVE YOU.

WALDO'S JUST A **DEMON** ONCE HE GET THAT **BUZZSAW** OUT

OH YES. YES INDEED A DEMON WITH THE BUZZSAW.

DEGU, RODNEY LUPUS. 27 FORMERL WELF SHELT R, SECTOR 54.

WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN.

GASH, PETRIS, 22 AKA GEEZER FORMERLY WELF SHELT T SECTOR 54.

WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN.

SYMONS, WARNE 22 AKA DISH. NFA. LAST RECORDED BASH STREET STALKERS SECTOR 40

WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN.

PLAYTEEN PARK SECTOR 3H. NEVER A SALUBRIOUS AREA. THE FIRES HAD RAGED HERE

IF THE WASTELANDS ARE HELL THIS IS THEIR BLACKENED HEART

SURE THEY'RE ALWAYS AROUND. RATBAG SCUM THINK THEY OWN THE JOINT I CAN POINT THEM OUT WHAT'S IT WORTH?

HOW ABOUT A YEAR IN THE CUBES IF YOU DON'T?

CUBES? SURE. SUIT ME FINE FREE MEALS AN' BOARD. SUIT ME FINE ANYTHING TO GET OUTA THIS RATHOLE

SO YOU'RE NOT TALKING?

NOPE

IN THAT CASE HOW ABOUT I BREAK YOUR KNEECAPS AND LEAVE YOU FOR THE RATS?

YOU SURE KNOW HOW TA WIN A GUY OVER.

IT'S MY NATURAL CHARM.

THE OLD MELTDOWN CAR PARK THAT'S WHERE THEY HANG.

DEGS AND VICTIM UNKNOWN.

CLEAN KILLS BOTH SINGLE SHOTS TO THE HEAD. NO AMATEUR JOB.

NEARBY A THIRD VICTIM.

GEEZER.

MUTILATED. THROAT SLIT.

TORTURED.

SURF GANG PULLS A RAID ON VALENTINO WAY OFF HOME TURF. CLAIM ITS THEIR TERRITORY BUT HE DOESNT BUY THAT

A FEW HOURS LATER GANG STARTS ENDING UP DEAD WHY?

COINCIDENCE?

SOMEBODY DOESNT WANT THEM TALKING?

NOTHING'S CHANGED STILL TWO MISSING - SYMONS AND PERPETRATOR UNKNOWN. FIND THEM HE FINDS HIS ANSWERS.

WHEN I GET THEM PAYCHECKS I'M GONNA TAKE YOU GIRLS OUTTA THIS. YOU AN ME WE'RE GOIN' TA LIVE IT UP IN TEECEE.

OH. DISH!

THAT'LL BE DISHY DISHY PASS THE MO.

HERE COMES SOMEONE NOW. THAT'LL BE BIG **DEGU** WITH THE FUNDS!

OH DEAR. I DO HOPE WE'RE NOT INTERRUPTING ANYTHING?

YOU! WHAT THE FRIG ARE YOU DOIN' HERE MAN?

A REASONABLE QUESTION, WALDO

YES INDEED AND IT DESERVES AN ANSWER MUTCH.

YOU SEE THAT?

GET THAT BIRD BACK IN THE AIR!

'F IT ISN'T OUR GOOD FRIEND ROGUE!

HOLY SHIII- !

AW. LOOK HE'S TIPPED

YOU KNOW MUTCH. I DON'T THINK ROGUE'S GLAD TO SEE US.

THAT'S A CRYING SHAME WALDO. ESPECIALLY SINCE WE ONLY WANTED HIM TO DEMONSTRATE HIS FLYING SKILLS

ABSOLUTELY. HIS FLYING SKILLS

BUT LET'S SEE HOW HE DOES WITHOUT THE BOARD

AN EXCELLENT IDEA WALDO EXCELLENT

WE HAVE A SLIGHT PROBLEM, WALDO.

A SIGNIFICANT UNDERSTATEMENT MITCH.

MEDIC, SEE TO THIS ONE

CONTROL BUILDING ON FIRE AVENUE K IN THE WASTELANDS. CASUALTIES AT LEAST ONE POSSIBLY MORE.

NOISES FROM THE END OF THE CORRIDOR

THIS IS THE LAW! COME OUT KEEP YOUR HANDS WHERE I CAN SEE THEM!

DREDD

BAM

COME OUT HE SAYS AND WE CAN BUT OBEY!

BAM

BAM BAM

YOU HAVE TO ADMIRE HIM. WALDO, EXCEPTIONALLY ACCURATE SHOOTING. EXCEPTIONALLY ACCURATE INDEED.

MY DEAR MATCH - ,

WHUMPPP

THIS IS REALLY MOST UNLIKE YOU MATCH. MOST UNLIKE YOU.

BAMBAMBAMB

SMOKE TO COVER HIM

FLOOMPHHH

RESPIRATOR DOWN -

ONE PERP DEAD THE OTHER

- THROUGH THE FLOOR

PERP STANDS OUT LIKE A BEACON ON INFRA-RED

UNHH!

AAAH!

YOU DON'T GO DOWN EASY CREEP!

NOT ADVISABLE

WHAT'S THE POINT ANYWAY WITHOUT OLD MUTCH?

YOU TELL ME

THE SIXTH SURFER..

SINCERTY ROGUE CLAUDE NOT IN THE STUDE-HABS AN-MORE ROGUEY.

YOU. YOU KNOW ME?

MET YOUR MOTHER THIS MOR ING. SHE'S GOING TO BE REAL DISAPPOINTED IN YOU.

SO BUYERS COME TO LOOK ROUND VALENTINO AND YOU HIT ON THEM. WANT TO TELL ME WHY ROGUEY?

IT WAS JUST A JOB MAN. THEM TWO GOONS HIRE US WE DON'T ASK QUESTIONS T'S MONEY YOU KNOW?

WE DONE STUFF FOR THEM BEFORE GUESS SOMETHIN' WENT WRONG THIS TIME THEY GOT MAD. MA BE DEGH SHOULDN'T HAVE EXED THAT GEEKWAD I DUNNO.

WALDORF & MUTCH · SECURITY SOLUTIONS. THAT'S YOU?

USED TA BE GUESS THE OLD TEAM'S GONE NOW HUH?

BELIEVE I

SO YOU HIRED THE SURF SCUM TO ROUGH UP THE BUYERS AT VALENTINO. HOW ABOUT YOU TAKE IT FROM THE TOP WALDORF

I'D LOVE TO HELP YA, DREDD. BUT I HAVE TO MAINTAIN CLIENT CONFIDENTIALITY I STILL GOT SOME PRINCIPLES.

I'M GOING TO GET THE FULL STORY OUT OF YOU IN THE END. HOW MUCH ARE THOSE PRINCIPLES WORTH? SAVE SOME TIME AND MAYBE YOU DON'T GET THAT EXTRA TEN STRETCH.

YOU HAVE A VALID POINT THERE A VERY VALID POINT INDEED AS MUTCH WOULD SAY

IT WAS A JOB FOR A CLIENT TWENTY BIG TO PUT A SCARE INTO VALENTINO. ME AND MUTCH DON'T ASK WHY WE DO THE JOB AND DON'T ASK QUESTIONS. THAT'S ONE OF OUR USPS.

IT'S LOW-LEVEL STUFF SO WE FARM THE JOB OUT TO SCUM OF THE EARTH. THERE'S A FATALITY AND THE SUDER COMES THROUGH THE SCUM GOTTA GO. NO LINKS.

SO YOUR CLIENT HAS SIX PEOPLE KILLED JUST TO BREAK THE CHAIN. YOU'VE WORKED FOR THIS CLIENT BEFORE?

THIS AND THAT

THE NAME'S ZAVIER ZABI. FOREIGN. CALLS HIMSELF A BUSINESS CONSULTANT WORKS OUT OF A MOPAD ON THE SECTOR 8 CIRCUIT

LARRY? ONAN STARBUX. YOU THOUGHT ABOUT MY OFFER?

SEVEN BILLION IS GETTING A PRETTY LOW OFFER. WE HAD OTHER OFFERS

SURE. SURE LIKE YOU CAN STICK VALENTINO WHERE THE SUN DON'T SHINE - THAT KINDA OFFER LARRY? YOU AN' ME BOTH KNOW NOBODY'S GONNA BUY A BLOCK IN THE MIDDLE OF BANDIT COUNTRY

EXCEPT YOU

I'M A PRIVATE COMPANY . GOT NO SHAREHOLDERS TO KEEP SWEET I CAN AFFORD TO TAKE A RISK CALL ME A FOOL CALL ME A SAINT BUT I LIKE YOU LARRY AN' I WANNA SEE YOU COME OUTA THIS SMILIN' SO I'M GONNA UP MY OFFER TO SEVEN AN' A HALF

I'LL THINK T' OVER ONAN.

YOU DO THAT LARRY BUT DON'T THINK TOO LONG I CAN TELL YA FRANKLY I GOT MY EYE ON ANOTHER PROPERTY IN THE HAB ZONE.

JUDGE DREDD HERE TO SEE YOU MR STARBUX.

OH GRUD! YOU THINK HE KNOWS?

KNOWS WHAT. JIMMY? WE AIN'T DONE NOTHIN' NOBODY CAN TOUCH US. JUST RELAX I'LL HANDLE HIM.

SEND HIM IN JANICE AN' BETTER TELL LEGAL TO COME UP

ONAN STARBUX THIS IS A PLEASURE. I AND MY COMPANY ARE BIG SUPPORTERS OF OUR JUDGES. BIG SUPPORTERS.! HOW MUCH WAS T WE DONATED THIS YEAR, JIMMY?

JUST OVER THREE MILLION POP.

I'M SURE ACCOUNT'S IS SUITABLY GRATEFUL STARBUX. I'M HERE ON OTHER BUSINESS.

ANYTHING I CAN HELP YOU WITH ANYTHING JUST NAME IT

YESTERDAY A WASTELANDS SURF GANG ATTACKED A PARTY BEING SHOWN ROUND A REFURBISHED BLOCK - VALENTINO YOU HAD A REPRESENTATIVE THERE

YES. JERRY WILSON. HE WASN'T TOO BADLY HURT THANKFULLY

PITY WE CAN'T SAY THAT FOR THE SURF GANG SHORTLY AFTER THE ATTACK THEY STARTED GETTING MURDERED. WE HAVE FIVE DEAD. ONE IN CASUALTY

NO MORE THAN THEY DESERVE IF YOU'LL PARDON ME SAYIN' ANYONE WHO KNOWS ME KNOWS GOT NO TIME FOR CRIME.

I'VE HEARD THAT SOME BEFORE STARBUX - USUALLY FROM CRIMINALS. THE MEN WHO CARRIED OUT THE KILLINGS WERE GARNET WALDORF AND HENRY MUTCH SECURITY OPERATIVES WORKING OUT OF SECTOR 5. RECOGNISE THEM? EVER HEAR THE NAME?

NO CAN'T SAY I KNOW THEM AT ALL

THAT'S FUNNY BECAUSE THEY WERE INVOLVED AT ANOTHER PROPERTY OF YOURS - SUSPECTED OF REMOVING UNWANTED TENANTS FROM STUDE HABS NEAR CENT TECH.

IN THAT CASE THERE WERE NO ARRESTS. NO ACTUAL MENACES WERE MADE BUT THEN THEY DIDN'T NEED TO. THEY WERE INTIMIDATING ENOUGH.

I DON'T KNOW NOTHIN' ABOUT THEM. MAYBE YOU OUGHTA SPEAK TO MY PROPERTIES MANAGER.

I WILL

WALDORF AND MUTCH WERE HIRED BY ONE ZAVIER ZABI, CALLED HIMSELF A BUSINESS CONSULTANT. RAN HIS OPERATION WHAT IT WAS, OUT OF A NOPAD IN SECTOR 8. WE VISITED HIM LAST NIGHT

ZAVIER ZABI YOU'RE UNDER ARREST!

KA SHA AH H

AAAHHH

IT WOULD APPEAR IT'S ALL OVER FOR ME

WE GOT OURSELVES A REALIST

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AN ANDROID THERE WAS NO PAPERWORK EVERYTHING WAS DESTROYED WITH ZABI

WE DID LOCATE A BANK ACCOUNT WITH SUMS FREQUENTLY DRAWN ON IT IN CASH. WE HAVE SURVEILLANCE RECORDINGS OF ZABI DRAWING THEM PERSONALLY

THAT MUSTA BEEN REAL FRUSTRATIN

THE ACCOUNT RECEIVED REGULAR CREDITS - OVER TWO MILLION LAST YEAR ALONE - FROM ANOTHER ACCOUNT IN CIUDAD BARRANQUILLA. A SHELL COMPANY UNDER THE NAME OF MARACANO. INC

THESE SUMS WERE FORWARDED FROM A THIRD ACCOUNT IN THE MONGOLIAN FREE STATE. WE'VE NO TREATY WITH THE MFS AND THEY'VE REFUSED TO DIVULGE DETAILS. SO THERE THE TRAIL ENDS.

BUT THIS IS WHAT I FIGURE STARBUX. I FIGURE ZABI WAS PLACED IN THE CITY TO CARRY OUT LESS THAN LEGAL ACTIVITES FOR THIRD PARTIES. THE PARTIES ENGAGED HIM THROUGH A NUMBER OF UNTRACEABLE INTERMEDIARIES SO NOTHING COULD EVER CONNECT THEM.

ZABI CONTRACTED WALDORF AND MUTCH. WALDORF AND MUTCH CONTRACTED SCUM OF THE EARTH. SOMETHING WENT WRONG - A MAN DIED - AND ZABI DECIDED THE TRAIL HAD TO BE CUT THE SCUM HAD TO GO

SO WHERE DOES THIS INVOLVE ME?

I ASKED MYSELF - WHO BENEFITS IF THERE'S TROUBLE AT VALENTINO? NOT THE VENDOR BUT MAYBE A PROSPECTIVE BUYER LOOKING TO REDUCE THE PRICE SO I QUESTIONED SMARTCO SEEMS THEY'VE ONLY HAD ONE OFFER - FROM YOU

AT FOUR BILLION BELOW THE ASKING PRICE.

SO I TOOK ADVANTAGE OF CIRCUMSTANCES. NO CRIME IN THAT ANYONE WOULD DO IT. IT'S JUST BUSINESS.

YOU'RE DENYING YOU HAD ANY INVOLVEMENT WITH ZABI - OR WALDORF AND MUTCH? ANY INVOLVEMENT AT ALL?

I NEVER HEARD A ANY OF THEM. IF YOU'RE SUGGESTIN' I'D STOOP THAT LOW JUST TA SAVE A MEASLY FOUR BIL I'M HURT

AFTER ALL THE MONEY WE'VE GIVEN TO JUSTICE DEPARTMENT POP

RIGHT JIMMY

MR STARBUX DON'T SAY ANOTHER WORD

ROBSON, LEGAL AFFAIRS. I'M COUNSELLING MR STARBUX NOT TO SAY ANOTHER WORD TO YOU. UNLESS YOU HAVE REASONABLE GROUNDS FOR SUSPICION YOU CANNOT FORCE HIM TO CO-OPERATE

YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT THIS IS ABOUT?

IT'S IMMATERIAL THE LAW'S CLEAR. MR STARBUX IS AN UPSTANDING CITIZEN WITH A LONG HISTORY OF CHARITABLE DONATIONS NOT SOME SCUM OFF THE STREET YOU CAN MANHANDLE.

NO YOU AND YOUR TYPE ARE ABOVE ALL THAT MASTERS OF THE UNIVERSE ISN'T THAT RIGHT STARBUX? NOTHING TOUCHES YOU.

CHAOS PLAGUE HITS THE CITY YOU FLY OFF TO ANTARCTICA TO SIT IT OUT IN STYLE AND COMFORT THEN WHEN IT'S OVER YOU RETURN TO PICK AT THE BONES LIKE SOME VULTURE

I RESENT THAT. YA GOT ANY PROOF OF THESE ACCUSATIONS? LET'S HEAR IT TILL THEN WE'RE DONE!

WE'RE NOT DONE STARBUX WE'LL BE MEETING AGAIN - MAYBE SOONER THAN YOU THINK
UNHAND HIM, UNHAND HIM I SAY!
THAT'S A CLEAR ASSAULT! I'LL BE PUTTING IN A COMPLAINT!
WON'T DO ANY GOOD. THE JUDGES STICK TOGETHER
FORGET IT. HE'S JUST A BAD LOSER THAT'S ALL
I DON'T GET IT POP YOU SAID YOU KNEW THERE WAS GOING TO BE TROUBLE AT THE BLOCK - YOU MUST HAVE KNOWN - BUT HE DIDN'T CATCH YOU WITH THE LIE DETECTOR
THAT'S COS I DIDN'T TELL NO LIES JIMMY. I REALLY NEVER HEARD OF ZAVIER ZABI OR WALDORF AN' MITCH, OR WHATEVER THEIR NAME IS.
I FIGURED SOMETHIN' MIGHT HAPPEN. SURE. DENIABILITY THAT'S THE THING.
IT'S DONE THROUGH INTERMEDIARIES. I PASS THE WORD TO SOME GUY IN HO CHI CITY IT WOULD BE GOOD IF THERE WAS TROUBLE AT THE VIEWIN. HE PASSES IT ON TO SOMEONE ELSE IN GRUD KNOWS WHERE AN' SO ON.
WE PAY PLENTY FOR THE SERVICE BUT IT MEANS THERE'S NO WAY THE JAYS CAN TIE US TA THE ACTUAL BUSINESS. OUR HANDS STAY CLEAN. LONG AS WE'RE SMART NO ONE CAN EVER TOUCH US

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JUST ABOUT FINISHED HEEZE

GOOD FEW FOR REHAB. ALWAYS SURPRISES ME PEOPLE'S ABIL TY TO SURVIVE

SOME WE'LL MAKE CITIZENS OF AGAIN. SOME WE WON'T PLENTY OF ROOM NOW ANYWAY

I'VE TAKEN YOUR ADVICE FROM TOMORROW I'M ON REST LEAVE

GOOD. YOU'VE BEEN THROUGH HELL BEENY . WE ALL HAVE BUT WE NEED GOOD PEOPLE NOW MORE THAN EVER BEFORE AND WE CAN'T AFFORD TO LOSE THE BEST

THINK ABOUT

DREDD. WALCOTT WE GOT HIM. WHERE DID YOU FLUSH THE BUG?

BEHIND THE LAPEL WHEN I ROUGH HOUSED HIM.

WELL IT WORKED. HE STARTED CROWING RIGHT AFTER YOU LEFT

LET'S HEAR IT

MR MONEY OKAN STARBUX THOUGHT HE COULD PULL A SCAM AND LAUGH IN OUR FACES

HE PASSES IT ON TO SOMEONE ELSE IN CHOD KNOWS WHERE AN SO ON

WE PAY PLENTY FOR THE SERVICE BUT IT MEANS THERE'S NO WAY THE JAYS CAN TIE US TO THE ACTUAL BUSINESS. OUR HANDS STAY CLEAN LONG AS WE'RE SURE NO ONE CAN EVER TOUCH US

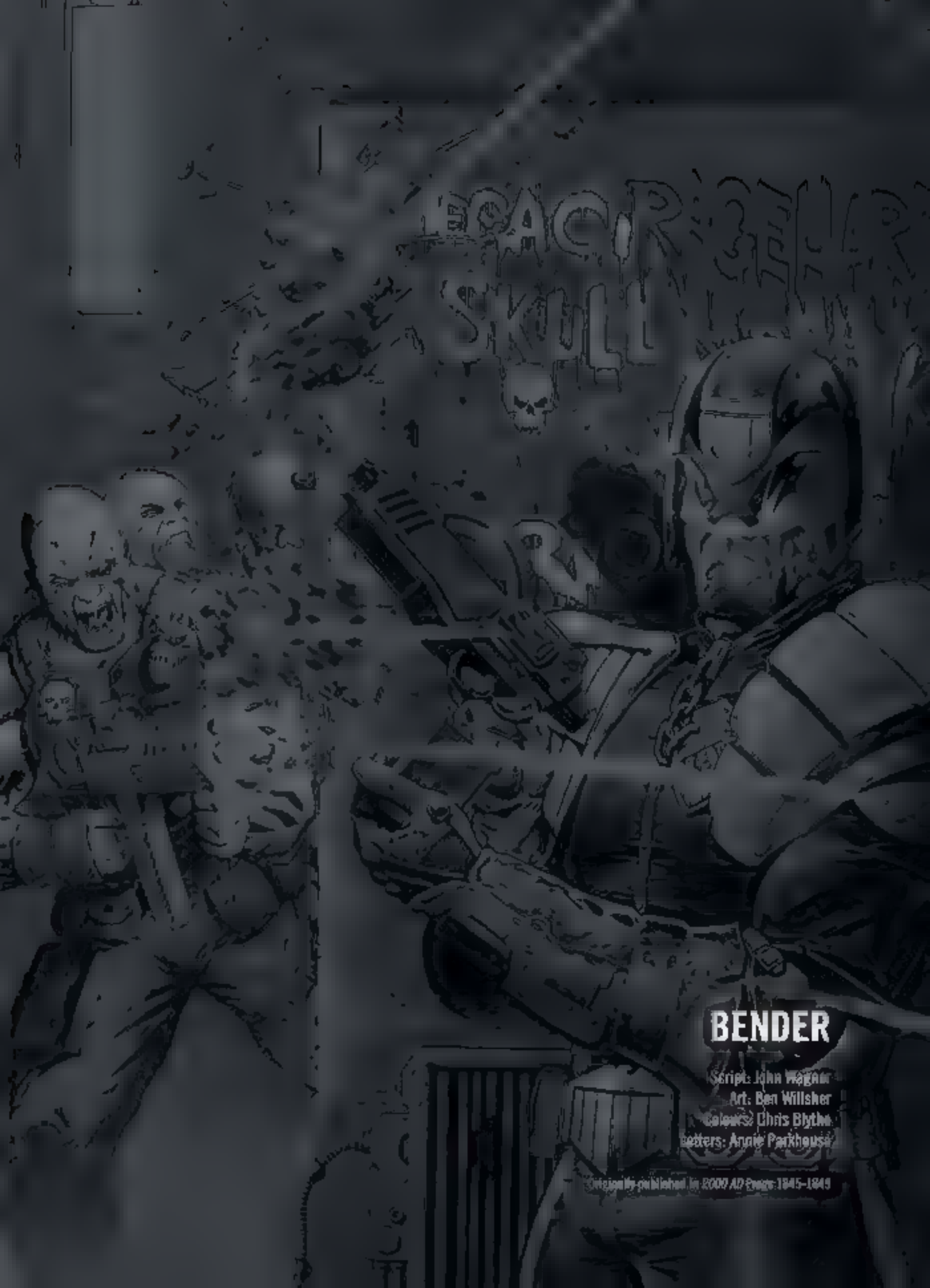
PUNISHMENT RETRIBUTION THAT'S FOR THE LITTLE PEOPLE SMART PEOPLE LIKE US LONG AS WE STAY SMART WE RULE THE FREAKIN' WORLD

ENJOY YOUR LEAVE BEENY I'M OFF TO BUST THE MASTER OF THE UNIVERSE

RESYK

YOU CAN'T DO THIS! THE EVIDENCE WAS OBTAINED BY NEFARIOUS MEANS NOTHING MR STARBUX SAID CONSTITUTES AN ADMISSION!

KEEP IT UP DOBSON, WE HAVE ENOUGH CUBE SPACE TO ACCOMMODATE YOU TOO!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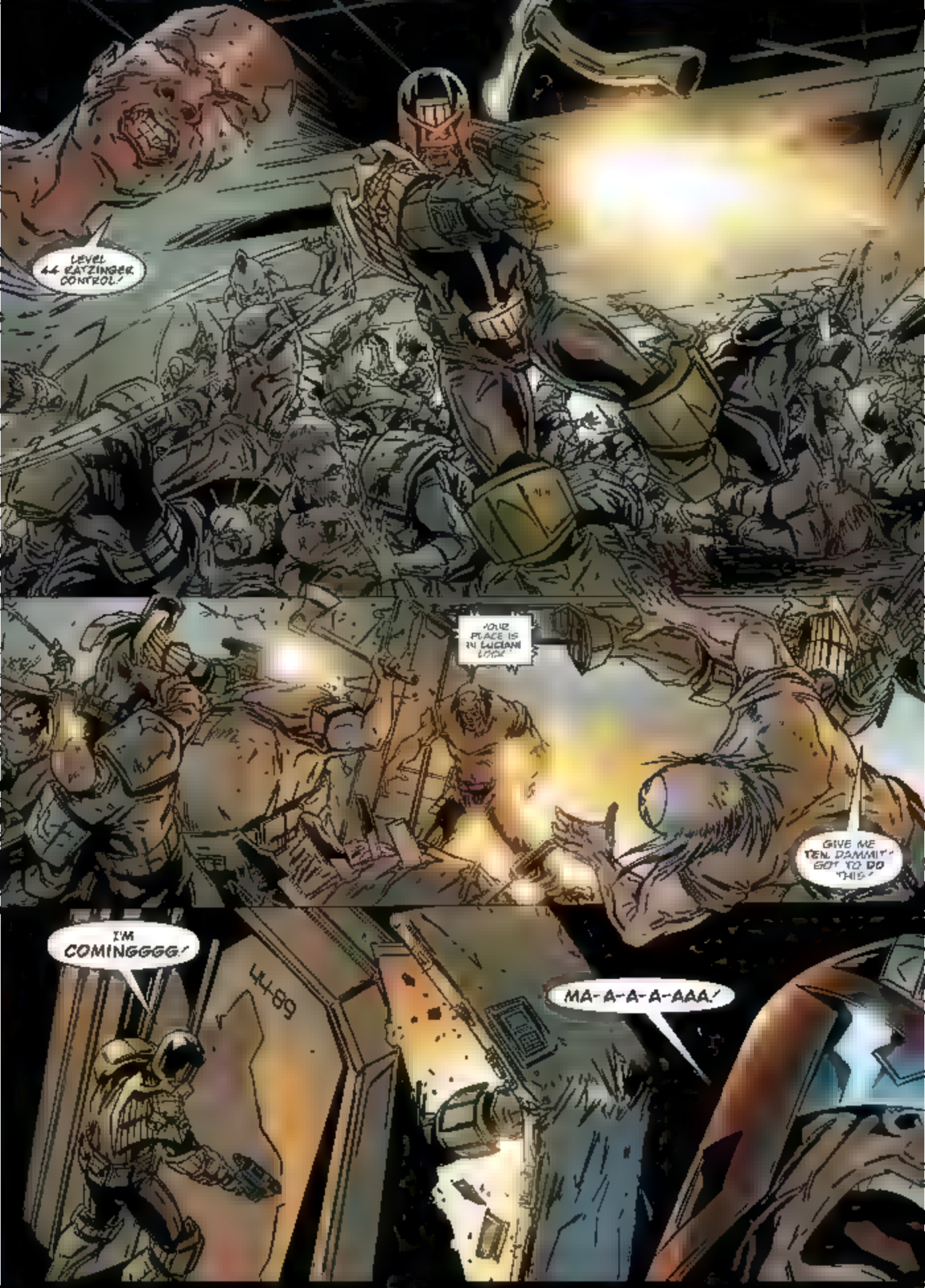

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WELL IF IT AIN'T LIL AL.

MA

05:40 JUDGE LOCK. YOU ASKED FOR A WAKE UP

ANOTHER NIGHTMARE?

YEAH..

I'LL COPE. DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME TEX.

BETTER MOVE IT YOU'RE DUE AT GRAND HALL IN FORTY

I THINK THE BEST PLACE FOR YOU NOW IS BACK ON THE STREETS. LESS TIME TO BROOD. BROODING ON THINGS AIN'T GOOD FOR YOU, LOCK.

BENDER - I'M LOCK, YOUR NEW PARTNER

WHERE'D THEY PLUCK A TENDER LITTLE PLUM LIKE YOU FROM, KID?

MED LEAVE. I WAS BLOCK JUDGE IN LUCIANI.

POPE STREET PRECINCT. GOTCHA.

WAIT A MINUTE. LOCK MOTHER LIVED IN JOE RATZ. YEAH, HEARD ABOUT YOU.

GOT TO PUT IT BEHIND YOU. NEED EVERY GOOD MAN OUT THERE THESE DAYS. AIN'T MANY OF US LEFT. YOU'LL GET BACK IN THE SWING NO PROBLEMO.

C'MON. GOT A BRIEFING WITH DREDD HIMSELF.

TWELVE MONTHS AFTER CHAOS IT'S AN INDICTMENT OF OUR EFFECTIVENESS THAT THESE **ESCAPED PERPETRATORS** REMAIN AT LARGE ! WILL NOT ALLOW IT TO CONTINUE

WARREN ARRIS'S BROTHER IS CURATE AT THE CHURCH OF GRUD TUBBLE STREET MY POSSIBLE ARRIS WILL SHOW UP THERE MAY ALREADY HAVE MADE CONTACT INTERVIEW HIM FORMER ASSOCIATES THE REST OF THE FAMILY SOMEONE KNOWS SOMETHING.

REINER BOVA -

WE'RE ON IT

BENDER LOCK **CURTLEY MYE** AND **VANDORAN 'BIGFOOT' OZER** ESCAPED TOGETHER BEEN PARTNERS IN CRIME FROM THEIR SOUTHSIDE SPUGS DAYS. WE HAVE REPORTS OF SIGHTINGS AT AND AROUND THE **HEXAGON WELFS**.

MAKE ENQUIRIES. DON'T COME BACK EMPTY HANDED.

YO.

WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR LAST PARTNER BENDER?

LEARY? FREAKIN' **GUMBIES**

NOTICES A LITTLE **ITCH** FIRST OF THE AYEM. TEN HOURS LATER HE'S DUMPIN HIS INTESTINES ON THE SQUADROOM FLOOR. NOTHIN' THEY COULD DO.

GETS THROUGH **CHAOS** WITHOUT A SCRATCH AND THE FREAKIN' GUMBIES NAIL HIM.

ROTTEN LUCK

WE WERE GOOD TOGETHER - A TEAM. HAD AN **UNDERSTANDING**. OUT HERE WE **WERE** THE LAW

GOOD OLD-FASHIONED **JUDGING** THAT'S WHAT I CALL IT **NOBODY** MESSED WITH **LOU BENDER** AND **LEX LEARY** THE **TRIED** THEY PRETTY SOON LEARNED **DIFFERENT**

SAY WHAT'S YOUR FIRST KID?

AH, IT'S AL LOCK

WELL DON'T YOU WORRY AL I GOT A GOOD FEELIN' YOU AN ME WE'RE GOING TO GET ON LIKE A BLOCK ON FIRE

SEE HIM? CREEP GIVIN' US THE FINGER!

WHAT D'YOU THINK WE SHOULD DO TO FINGER BOY HERE AL?

SHOWING DISRESPECT - GOT TO BE WORTH THREE MONTHS REHAB.

HEAR THAT SONNY? THAT WHAT YOU WANT? SOME JUVE TIME?

UNNNFF!

YOU KNOW HOW MUCH IT COSTS TO PUT LITTLE DIRTBAGS LIKE THIS THROUGH REHAB, AL?

UNNHHH...

WHEN ALL HE NEEDS IS TO LEARN SOME MANNERS

URNFFF!

TAKE IT EASY LOU!

BELIEVE ME AL I AM TAKING IT EASY

DON'T WORRY WE'RE FINISHED HERE

TRY GIVING FINGER NEXT TIME SONNY

CONSIDER HIM REHABILITATED.

INSTANT JUSTICE THAT'S THE NAME OF THE GAME AL PROBLEM SOLVED AND NO COST TO THE CITY.

NO SWEAT YOU'LL GET THE HANG OF IT

NO CUETLEY HAVN'T BEEN HERE - HE AIN'T CALLED YOU HAVN'T BEEN IN CONTACT?

I TOLD YA HE DON'T COME HERE NO MORE AIN'T NOTHIN HE GOT FOR YEAH A GOOD RIDDANCE

I THINK YOU'RE TELLING THE TRUTH BUT I'M GONNA BELIEVE YOU BUT IF I FIND OUT YOU'RE LYING

I'M A LAW ABIDIN' CIT NOW WHOA BEFORE I DONE NUTTIN AN I DON'T GET MIXED UP IN NO MORE

AH YOU YOU'RE HURTIN' ME MAN

NEXT MOVE OK?

ZZLZ YOU WELL ZZLZ?

THREE FLOOR DOWN SAME L HIGH GRADE

OZEE AND MYE LOOKED THE PLAZA IN THE EYE FIGURE THE 'D GO BACK TO WHAT THEY KNOW

SAY YOU SWING ON DOWN THERE I'LL TAKE THE AIR GETTIN A LITTLE IN THE WAY OF THE ACROBATICS

NO PROBLEM LOU

SHEESHHHH — /

STRANGE

DAMN!

BENDER, HE'S RUNNING!

THIS LOOKS REAL PURE AL DEFINITELY HIGH GRADE. ANYONE EVER SAY YOU GOT A NOSE FOR CRIME?

IT'S JUST A LITTLE ZZIZ MAN! C'MON.

SO HOW ABOUT YOU TELL ME WHERE YOU GOT IT SONNY?

GET LOST.

SORRY DIDN'T QUITE LATCH THAT!

WHO WAS IT YOU SAID?

EASY LOU -

WANT SOME MORE SONNY? HUH? YOU THINK I GOT TIME TO WASTE ON LOWLIFES LIKE YOU?

WELL IF IT AIN'T LIL AL!

YOU OKAY THERE AL?

YEAH, YEAH, I'M GOOD..

YOU'RE MAKING THINGS DIFFICULT SONNY AND THAT'S NOT GOOD, NOT GOOD FOR YOU AT ALL.

I'LL TALK, ALL RIGHT, JOVIS, C-COOL IT MAN.

O'NELL HERE'S THE BOTTOM OF THE FOOD CHAIN. TWENTY-FOUR AND SERVED FOUR TERMS FOR POSSESSION ALREADY MAKE 5 FIVE

THEY NEVER LEARN.

O'NELL SCORES FROM SCOOBIE THERE SCOOBIE'S GOT A LITTLE BUSINESS GOING ON THE UPPER LEVELS MAINLY TO FRIENDS

SCOOBIE BUYS FROM FERNANDEZ AND FERNANDEZ DISTRIBUTES FOR COSLAND - THAT'S THE UGLY ONE AT THE END.

COSLAND'S THE MAIN MAN IN WELF BLOCKS 3-5. BUYS DIRECT FROM THE SUPPLIERS - NONE OTHER THAN OUR FRIENDS CURTLEY MYE AND BIGFOOT AM I RIGHT OR AM I WRONG COSLAND?

SCREW YOU, BENDER

HE GIVE YOU TROUBLE?

I DINT DO NOTHIN', BASTARD BEAT ON ME

AW LARRY YOU'RE OMITTIN' THE BIT ABOUT ATTACKIN' ME.

YOU FORCED ME TO SUBDUE YOU, ISN'T THAT RIGHT LOCK?

YEAH.

YEAH, THAT'S THE WAY IT WAS.

OKAY GOOD WORK BOTH OF YOU.

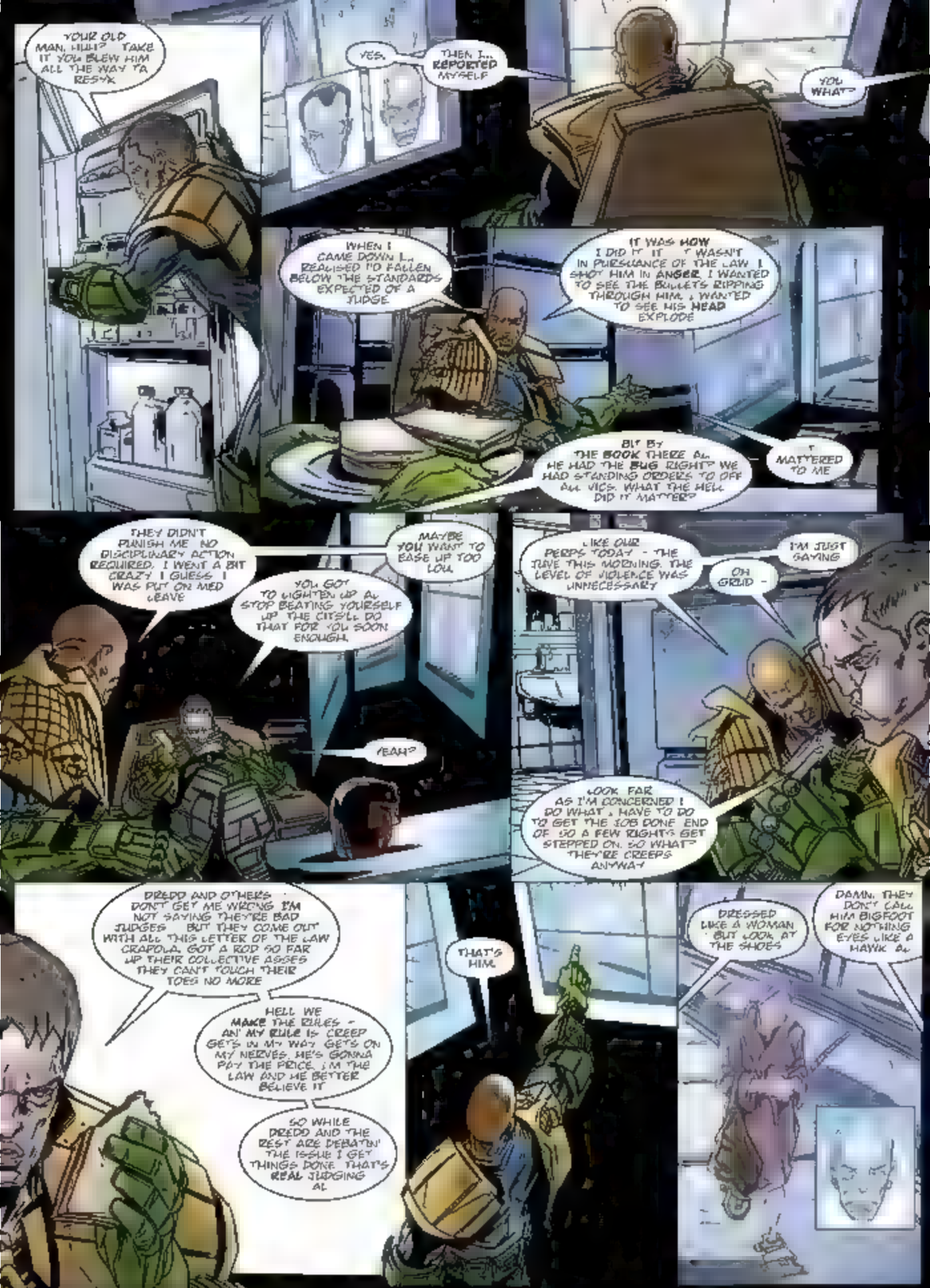
WORD OF THESE ARRESTS IS GOING TO GET BACK TO MYE AND OZER. YOU ASCERTAIN THEIR WHEREABOUTS?

NEGATIVE ALL COSLAND HAD WAS A NUMBER UNREGISTERED, BUT WE GOT HIM TO CALL IT ARRANGE AN URGENT BUY LOCK'S IDEA. KID'S SMART

DELIVERY AT COSLAND'S APARTMENT 14:00 GONNA WALK RIGHT INTO OUR LOVIN' ARMS.

SOON AS YOU HAVE THEM IN CUSTODY CALL IN. I WANT YOU TWO ON THE FLOODS. STUDEBAKER AND CONN HAVE DRAWN A BLANK

MUSTA BEEN TOUGH AL SEEIN YOUR MA'S HEAD CUT OFF LIKE THAT


YOUR OLD MAN, HUH? TAKE IT YOU BLEW HIM ALL THE WAY TA RESYK
YES.
THEN I... REPORTED MYSELF
YOU WHAT?
WHEN I CAME DOWN I... REALISED I'D FALLEN BELOW THE STANDARDS EXPECTED OF A JUDGE
IT WAS HOW I DID IT IT WASN'T IN PURSUANCE OF THE LAW I SHOT HIM IN ANGER. I WANTED TO SEE THE BULLETS RIPPING THROUGH HIM, I WANTED TO SEE HIS HEAD EXPLODE
BUT BY THE BOOK THERE AL HE HAD THE RUG RIGHT? WE HAD STANDING ORDERS TO OFF ALL VICS. WHAT THE HELL DID IT MATTER?
IT MATTERED TO ME
THEY DIDN'T PUNISH ME NO DISCIPLINARY ACTION REQUIRED. I WENT A BIT CRAZY I GUESS I WAS PUT ON MED LEAVE
MAYBE YOU WANT TO EASE UP TOO LOU.
YOU GOT TO LIGHTEN UP AL STOP BEATING YOURSELF UP THE CITS'LL DO THAT FOR YOU SOON ENOUGH.
YEAH?
LIKE OUR PERPS TODAY - THE FIVE THIS MORNING. THE LEVEL OF VIOLENCE WAS UNNECESSARY
I'M JUST SAYING
OH GRUD -
LOOK FAR AS I'M CONCERNED I DO WHAT I HAVE TO DO TO GET THE JOB DONE END OF SO A FEW RIGHTS GET STEPPED ON. SO WHAT? THEY'RE CREEPS ANYWAY
DREDD AND OTHERS DON'T GET ME WRONG I'M NOT SAYING THEY'RE BAD JUDGES BUT THEY COME OUT WITH ALL THIS LETTER OF THE LAW CRAPOLA. GOT A ROD SO FAR UP THEIR COLLECTIVE ASSES THEY CAN'T TOUCH THEIR TOES NO MORE
HELL WE MAKE THE RULES - AN' MY RULE IS CREEP GETS IN MY WAY GETS ON MY NERVES HE'S GONNA PAY THE PRICE, I'M THE LAW AND HE BETTER BELIEVE IT
SO WHILE DREDD AND THE REST ARE DEBATIN' THE ISSUE I GET THINGS DONE THAT'S REAL JUDGING AL
THAT'S HIM.
DRESSED LIKE A WOMAN BUT LOOK AT THE SHOES
DAMN. THEY DON'T CALL HIM BIGFOOT FOR NOTHING EYES LIKE A HAWK AL

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HE'S COMING.

YOU WHIP OPEN THE DOOR. I'LL HAUL HIM IN. BETTER WE DO IT IN HERE.

DIE!!

HE'S RUNNING!

GET OUTA THE GRUDDAMN WAY!

HOLD YOUR FIRE! WE NEED HIM ALIVE!

UNNNF!

SMACK

THE LADY'S CARRYING

MY WHAT BIG FEET YOU GOT GRANMA

HOW COME YOU EAN BIG FOOT SLIME PIN UP GIRLS AWAY? YOU GOT A CODE?

LOOK MARA THE DOOR

I'LL REMEMBER THAT NAME M PUTTIN THAT CREEP AWA BUT LET TALK ABOUT YOU AND YOUR PAL CUETLEY YOU SURE KNOW TH AN EXPERTISE TYPE WANT TO HARE WITH HIM C BE A GOOD LOWLIFE AND TELL US WHERE WE MIGHT CAT MITTS ON HIM

D-DON'T KNOW NO CUETLEY

MERRY GRUD WHY DO WE HAVE TO PLAY THIS FREAKIN' GAME EVERY TIME?

YOU GOT TWO CHOICE BIGFOOT YOU CAN GO BACK TO THE CURB AND EAT OUT THE REST OF THE EVIDENCE A PILE OF DIRT LIKE YOU SO RICHLY DESERVES

OR YOU CAN TAKE THE RESYK RUN IF THERE ENOUGH LEFT OF YOU TO RECYCLE WHEN YOU HIT THAT TREE WILD PLUM THERE

OH JOHN MAR JU WOULDN'T

OH WOULDN'T I?

YOU HEAR THAT BIGFOOT YOUR PRETTY DREAD IS RIPPIN PRETTY SOON I WON'T BE ABLE TO HOLD BACK MUCH BETTER HURRYYY

THAT'S EN MAN BEHAVE

KEEP OUT OF THIS IS MAJOR CITY BOWL TAKE WHEEL SPINNIN

OHHH SWEEEET GRUDDDD!

AHH! PLEASSSE, BENDER! DON'T DO THIS!

LISTEN TO HIM CARTIN' ENOUGH ZZIZ TO LIGHT UP HALF THE CITY AND HE'S BEGGIN' FOR MERCY!

ONE LAST CHANCE - CURTLEY MYE!

GARAGE. FOURTH AND FREUD. SECTOR 12. CALLED DINO'S! WE KNEW DINO'S BROTHER FROM THE CUBES. DINO LETS US COOK THERE. HE AND HIS BOYS RUN PROTECTION.

P-PLEASE, MAN. THIS THING'S GONNA GO!

YOU BELIEVE THIS LITTLE DREKKBALL?

TRUTH

LIE DETECTOR CHECKS. GET HIM UP NOW.

DAMMIT LOL! DAMMIT!

BELOWW

WHAT'VE YOU DONE?

IT WAS AN ACCIDENT YOU SAW THAT

ACCIDENT OR NOT YOU VIOLATED **PROCEDURE** LOU YOU RECKLESSLY PUT A CITIZEN'S LIFE AT RISK NOW LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENED!

OH GRUD OH SWEET GRUD!

WHAT DOES IT MATTER? CREEP GOT WHAT HE DESERVED. WE SHOULD WASTE MONEY KEEPING HIM?

NO THE POINT IS YOU'D PUT A DIRTBALL LIKE THAT BEFORE A GOOD JUDGE'S **CAREER**? BEFORE YOUR **PARTNER**? IS THAT HOW IT IS AL?

WELL LAY YOUR **OWN** SKIN ON THE LINE IF YOU WANT BUDDY BUT DON'T VOLUNTEER **MINE**. IT WAS AN ACCIDENT. ACCIDENTS HAPPEN!

THAT'S NOT THE POINT!

SO LISTEN TO ME. BIGFOOT TRIED TO GET **AWAY**. ATTEMPTED TO CRAWL THE WALL BUT LOST HIS GRIP! SIMPLE AS THAT. YOU UNDERSTAND ME AL?

YOU **UNDERSTAND** ME?

NOW LET'S GET ON.

CONTROL WE GOT ONE FOR THE **MEAT WAGON**. HEXAGON WELFS.

TRANSVESTITE?

NO JUST DUMB TRYING TO SCALE WALLS WITH FEET LIKE THAT YOU GOTTA LAUGH.

YEAH.

DREDD JUST SENT **BIGFOOT** OFF TO **REGYK**.

HAVE INFORMATION **CURTLEY MYE** IS HOLED UP AT FOURTH AND FREUD. SECTOR 12. PROBABLE ZZIZ FACTORY. MAY REQUIRE BACK UP.

ON MY WAY.

DINO'S GOT TWO VI RAPS ON HIS TAB RUNS WITH A PACK OF BIKE FREAKS ACT AS HIRED MUSCLE WITH A LITTLE GENERAL THUGGERY ON THE SIDE WE COUNTED **FOUR** GOING IN SINCE WE'VE BEEN HERE. WE CANNOT RULE OUT **FIREARMS** ON THE PREMISES.

YOU THINK THEY'RE COOKING IN THERE? RISKY FOR DINO.

AN ARTIST LIKE MYE DOESN'T COME ALONG EVERY DAY BIG MONEY IN ZZHZ TOO HARD TO RESIST

DINO'S

HATE KNOCKING ON DOORS AND THAT SHUTTER'S HEAVY PLASTEEL DREDD. LOCK AND ME WILL FOLLOW THE NEXT JOKER IN.

STUDEBAKER AND CONN YOU COVER FRONT AND REAR. NOBODY LEAVES. I WANT EVERY CREEP HELD FOR INTERROGATION.

OKAY WITH YOU, DREDD?

YOUR SHOW, BENDER.

YOU ALL RIGHT THERE, LOCK?

HE'S STILL A LITTLE SHOOK UP BY BIGFOOT

WE DID WHAT WE COULD. HAD A GRIP OF HIM - JUST RIPPED AWAY.

YOU WERE ON MED LEAVE, WEREN'T YOU? IF YOU'RE NOT UP TO IT BETTER SAY SO. LOCK YOUR PARTNER'S LIFE COULD DEPEND ON YOU.

I'M OKAY

TRAFFIC'S READY TO MOVE.

JOVIS - YOU BROUGHT THE JAYS WITH YOU!

THIS IS A BUST. LINE UP AGAINST THE WALL!

C'MON, MAN. WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?

THE PROBLEM IS CREEPS WHO ASK WHAT'S THE PROBLEM. CREEP AGAINST THE WALL AND SPREAD 'EM!

DON'T DO IT!

WHAT THE HELL I AIN'T GOING BACK TO NO CUBES -

OWE YOU ONE LOCK.

NOT BUNKING OUT ON US, BOYS?

AAHH!

IF WE'RE ALL FINISHED?

YOU TOO. JOIN THEM.

A LITTLE BIRD TOLD ME THERE'S SOME HEAVY ZZIZ ACTION GOING ON HERE.

NO WAY MAN. THAT WOULD BE A CRIME. WE DON'T DO CRIME

TWO OF YOUR PALS JUST PULLED GUNS, DINO. CALL ME PICKY, BUT THAT'S NOT THE ACT OF UPRIGHT CITS.

WHAT'S THIS? INSTANT POTATO MASHER?

ZIZZ. FIFTY-CRED BAGS DUMPED.

GOTTA ADMIT DINO THINGS AIN'T SHAPING UP TOO WELL FOR YOU.

OFFICE

NOT MY FAULT IF SOME OF THE GUYS ARE HOLDING

I'LL TAKE 'EM THROUGH. CONN STAY ON THE FRONT

HARD TO SEE WHERE THE I'D HIDE A LOOKHOUSE BENDER

SURE YOUR INFORMATION IS CORRECT?

I'D HAVE SWORN BIGFOOT WASN'T LYING DREDD. GOT ENOUGH TO HOLD THESE CREEPS ANYWAY. I'LL SWEAT IT OUT OF THEM.

HERE!

TRAP DOOR. YOU CAN SEE IT CLEARLY THERE.

JUST FIND THE CATCH -

LOOK THERE SEE THE FINGER MARKS?

YOU SURE DO HAVE A NOSE AL

NOT BUDGING.

BETTER DROP THE RESPIRATOR IF THERE'S ZZTZ IN THERE -

WHOOOM

MY MY COULD I BE CURTLEY MYE BEHIND THE MYSTERY MASK?

NO FUNNY MOVES OR YOU GO TO THAT GREAT COOKHOUSE IN THE SKY!

WE ONLY COOK THE BEST HERE -

TRY IT YOURSELF AND SEE!

IZIZ BASE IS HIGHLY FLAMMABLE LOCK / HOLD YOUR -

-- FIRE!

KKKK

AN' HERE'S A LITTLE AFTERS FOR YOU JAYBIRD!

YOU CAN DUCK BUT YOU CAN'T HIDE MEATBALL

RICOCHET!

FIVE BLANKET'LL DO IT PARTNER

DREDD YOU GOT MA'E'S ASSISTANT ON AN INWARD BOUNDER!

LOCK IS DOWN! CHEMICAL BURNS! MED-ASSIST REQUIRED URGENT!

ACKNOWLEDGED.

WERE YOU ABOUT TO SHOOT AT ME AGAIN. MYEP YOU DON'T LEARN!

UNHH!

F CREEPS COULD SHOOT STRAIGHT IVE WOULDN'T LAST A DAY OUT HERE

YOU'RE GONNA BE OKAY BUDDY MEDS ON THEIR WAY

UHHHH...

F YOU'D JUST COME QUIETLY THINGS WOULD HAVE BEEN OKAY FOR YOU. YOU COULD HAVE SERVED OUT YOUR TIME. GROWN OLD IN THE CUBES.

I CAN. I CAN STILL DO THAT

ATTEMPTED MURDER OF A JUDGE - MY PARTNER YOU CROSSED THE LINE MYE

I'M GOING TO MAKE AN EXAMPLE OF YOU.

Y- YOU CANT. ATTEMPTED MURDER - ATTEMPTED ' I WASN'T EVEN TRYING JUST BUYING MYSELF SOME ROOM

CURTLEY CURTLEY IT'S NO GOOD FIGHTING IT THINK I'M GOING TO WASTE GOOD CUBE SPACE ON YOU? OPEN WIDE NOW

WHAT DOES A LOWLIFE LIKE YOU HAVE TO LIVE FOR ANYWAY? BETTER THIS WAY BELIEVE ME.

THERE WE ARE. THAT WASN'T TOO HARD WAS IT

SIMPLE O.D THAT'S WHAT WE'LL CALL IT COULDN'T FACE THE PROSPECT OF ALL THOSE YEARS IN ISO.

AS YOU SOW SO SHALL YOU REAP

DON'T KNOW IF THEY'RE GONNA WANT YOU AT RESTYK. JUST THROW YOUR CARCASS OUT IN THE CURSED EARTH.

BEST THING, HUH?

THE PROMPT ACTION OF YOUR PARTNER SAVED YOUR LIFE JOCK. REMEMBER THAT TAKE IT TO HEART WHEN YOU RETURN TO DUTY

THE OPERATION IS PROGRESSING WELL. TO DATE WE'VE RECAPTURED **THIRTY-THREE ESCAPEES**. ANOTHER **TWELVE** HAVE BEEN **KILLED** DURING THE PROCESS OF ARREST.

ONE **JUDGE** HAS SUSTAINED AN INJURY BUT WE EXPECT HIM TO RETURN TO **DUTY** VERY SOON.

LOCK

AH. THE PRODIGAL RETURNS.

THEY SAID YOU WERE ON STAKEOUT

ONE **DELTA** PIKE'S OLD MA RUNS THE HOTTIE HOUSE ACROSS THE STREET. DELTA WAS DOING TWELVE **ALV** AT AN ELDSTER'S FUN-NIGHT. INFORMATION IS SHE'S DUE TO PAY A VISIT. YOU'RE JUST IN TIME TO HELP WITH THE BUST.

I WON'T BE STAYING. I'M REQUESTING A TRANSFER.

OH YEAH?

I SAW WHAT YOU DID, LOU.

THERE ARE **RULES**. YOU **BROKE** THEM - YOU BREAK THEM ALL THE TIME. BUT THIS TIME IT WAS **MURDER**. NOT AN ACCIDENT. NOT BEATING UP SOME KID. COLD-BLOODED, DELIBERATE **MURDER**.

YOUR MIND'S PLAYING TRICKS, AL.

I HAD TO COME TO TELL YOU TO YOUR FACE. I CAN'T LET THIS PASS, LOU. I HAVE TO REPORT WHAT I SAW.

FOR A WHILE IT WAS... JUST A JUMBLE IN MY HEAD. ALL THE DRUGS THEY WERE PUMPING IN ME. THEN IT STARTED TO FIT TOGETHER. I DIDN'T BELIEVE IT. I DIDN'T WANT TO BELIEVE IT...

CURTLEY MYE WAS IN CUSTODY. HE PRESENTED NO FURTHER DANGER. HIS CRIMES DIDN'T WARRANT EXECUTION. NOT THAT WAY... NOT ANY WAY.

YOU DON'T GET IT THIS WHOLE JUDGING THING, YOU JUST DON'T GET IT DO YOU PARTNER?

YOU'RE OUT OF CONTROL JOE. I SHOULDN'T HAVE OVERLOOKED THE EARLIER BREACHES. IT MADE ME AS CULPABLE AS YOU - FAILURE TO ACT ON EVIDENCE OF A CRIME. IF I'D DONE SOMETHING THEN I WOULD HAVE STOPPED YOU.

BUT YOU DIDN'T DID YOU, AND LIKE YOU SAY IF I DID BREAK ANY LAWS THAT MAKES YOU AN **ACCESSORY**. HOW YOU GOING TO DEAL WITH THAT SMART GUY?

I HAVE TO REPORT MYSELF TOO. THIS TIME THEY'LL **HAVE** TO PUNISH ME. MAYBE I'LL BE DRUMMED OUT OF THE FORCE. TITAN - I DESERVE IT.

JOVIS GELD I DON'T BELIEVE YOU!

WHAT SORT OF CRAZY **HAIR SHIRT** ARE YOU WEARING BUDDY? THIS IS THE **REAL** WORLD. THESE ARE **CREEPS** WE'RE DEALING WITH. YOU GOING TO PUT THEM OVER ME? YOUR **PARTNER**? ADMINISTER THE LAW MY WAY AT LAST AND BELIEVE ME IT **WORKS**.

BOJO SKYLODGE -

I'M SORRY LOU.

PRIORITY ONE ANY UNIT IN BOJO SKYLODGE ARE SHOOTING MEMBERS OF FOUR-PLUS GUNMEN REPORT NUMEROUS CASUALTIES.

CAN'T IGNORE THIS WHILE WE'RE STILL JUDGES. IT'S OUR **DUTY**. ISN'T THAT RIGHT AL - YOU'RE **BIG** ON DUTY?

LET'S **DO IT PARTNER** - ONE MORE **BUST** TOGETHER

NICE FACEWORK BY THE WAY GUYS. I'LL TAKE SOME TIME HUH?

SKYLODGE **BENDER** AND **LOCK** ON OUR WAY

BOING BREAST IMPLANTS

CONFIRM REPORTS ON **BOJO SKYLODGE**! WE HAVE A **MASS SHOOTING** COUNT **FIVE GUNMEN**! **BENDER** AND **LOCK** ATTENDING.

MUTTE BLOCK PARTNER. DOING THE NOBLE DEED FOR OUR UNFORTUNATE BRETHREN - MUST MAKE YOU FEEL REAL GOOD!

HEATSEEKER!

FACING A RISK BENDER CITIZENS AMOUNT

NOT UP THERE BUDDY. JUST TARGETS!

GOING UP! COVER ME BENDER!

NORM FRONT ON A MUTIE MASSACRE. WE CAN EXPECT THESE CREEPS TO BE PREPARED TO DIE FOR THE CAUSE

THIS ONE GETS HIS WISH.

BY THE POWERS VESTED IN ME -

PRETTY HANDY THERE WITH THE BIG X YOURSELF PARTNER

BY THE BOOK, LOU! CRIME AND SITUATION WARRANT T' A WHOLE DIFFERENT THING TO WHAT YOU DID!

HURRY! THEY'RE IN THE SCHOOL!

SECURE THIS LEVEL!

DREDD TO BENDER AND LOCK. AM IN THE ATRIUM. REPORT STATUS.

BOJO ELEMENTARY LEVEL FOUR TAKE THE ESCALATORS! WE GOT THREE SHOOTERS STILL ACTIVE MAKE THAT TWO

NORM FRONT ACTIVISTS LOOKING FOR A HIGH BODY COUNT!

NICE

HELP THEM!

MED ASSIST ON ITS WAY MEANWHILE DO WHAT YOU CAN FOR THEM

THESE THE KIND OF SWEETHEARTS YOU'D RATHER HAVE ON THE STREETS INSTEAD OF ME. AL?

WE START BREAKING THE LAW OURSELVES WE'RE NO BETTER THAN THEM

I JUST WANT THINGS DONE ACCORDING TO THE LAW LOU!

AND WHAT'LL IT BE FOR ME THEN, AL? TITAN?

COS THAT'S WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN YOU KNOW THESE RULE FREAKS AT GRAND HALL THEY'RE NOT GOING TO ASK DID THE CREEPS HAVE IT COMING DID YOU DO THE CITY A FAVOUR?

WELL I'LL TELL YOU THIS FOR NOTHING PARTNER I'M NOT TAKIN ANY TITAN TRIP!

I DON'T HAND DOWN THE SENTENCES LOU.

LOU BENDER GOES OUT HE'S GOING OUT IN STYLE I'LL SHOW YOU HOW A REAL JUDGE DOES IT!

COVER ME!

BDAM

BDAM/BDAM

BDAM

BDAM

COUNT TWO GUNMEN.

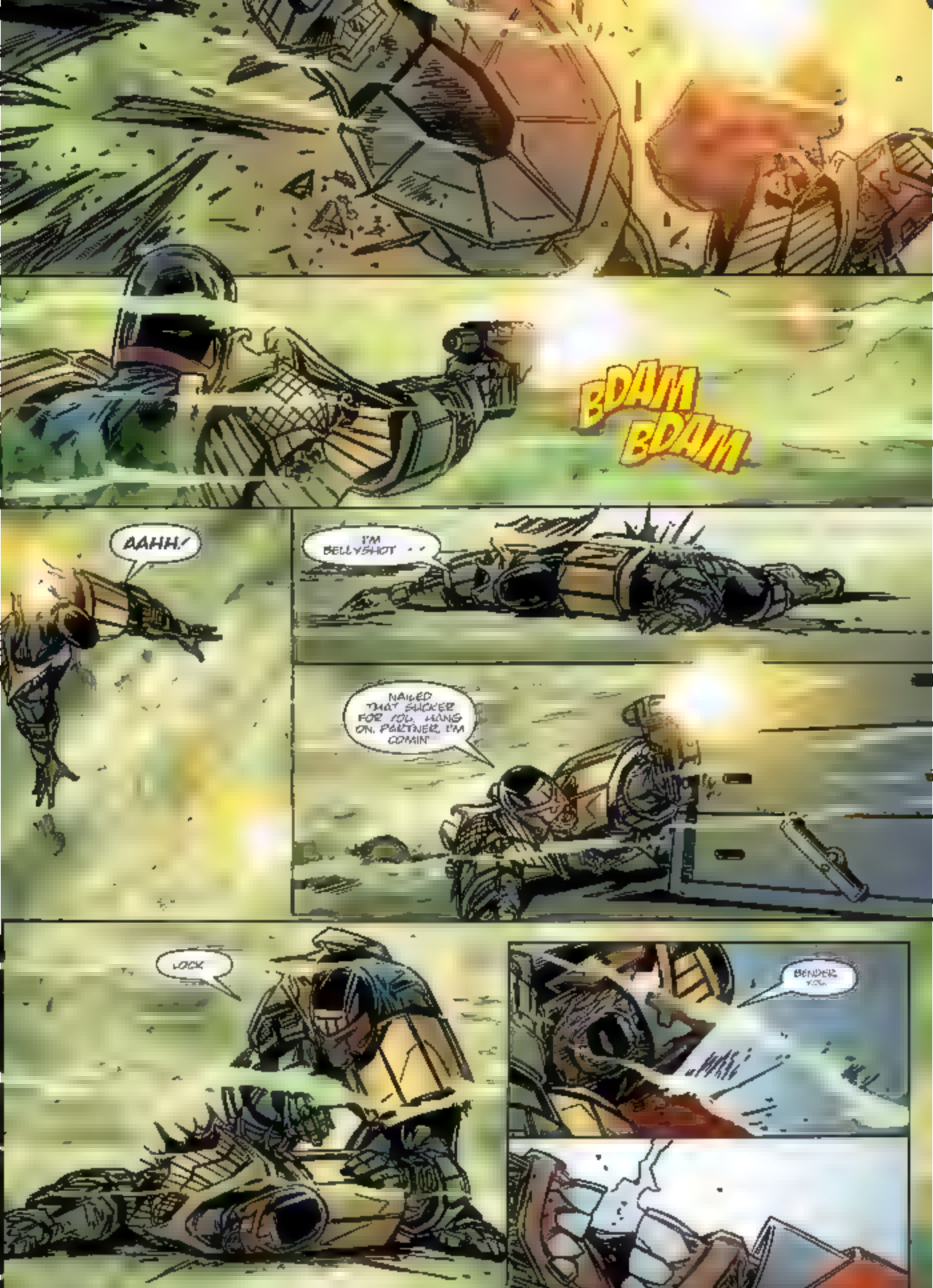
MAKE THAT ONE.

UNNH!

I'M HIT PARTNER!

YOUR TURN! GIVING YOU SMOKE!

WOOOOSSSSHH



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HOLD YOUR FIRE! DREDD HERE!

MY PARTNER... HE'S DEAD.

YOU'RE WOUNDED TOO, BENDER.

MEDICS IN THE ATRIUM. CAN YOU MAKE IT DOWN THERE?

I GAVE HIM SMOKE COVER.

PERP HAD A SELF-AIMER. SHOULD HAVE NOTICED. SHOULD HAVE SEEN IT. SECOND PARTNER I'VE LOST.

HEAT OF ACTION BENDER. CAN'T SEE EVERYTHING. YOU DID WHAT YOU COULD. ONE OF THE RISKS OF THE JOB.

MAYBE YOU OUGHT TO TAKE SOME PERSONAL TIME.

NO... NO. I'LL PASS ON THAT. NEED EVERY JUDGE ON THE STREETS.

HAVING A LOT OF BAD LUCK WITH PARTNERS THOUGH. MAYBE I OUGHT TO WORK SOLO FOR A WHILE.

YOUR CALL. BETTER GET THAT WOUND ATTENDED TO.

AND BENDER... YOU DID A JOB OF WORK HERE, YOU AND LOCK.

YEAH. LOCK. POOR OLD LOCK. FINE JUDGE.

WE COULD HAVE BEEN GOOD TOGETHER.

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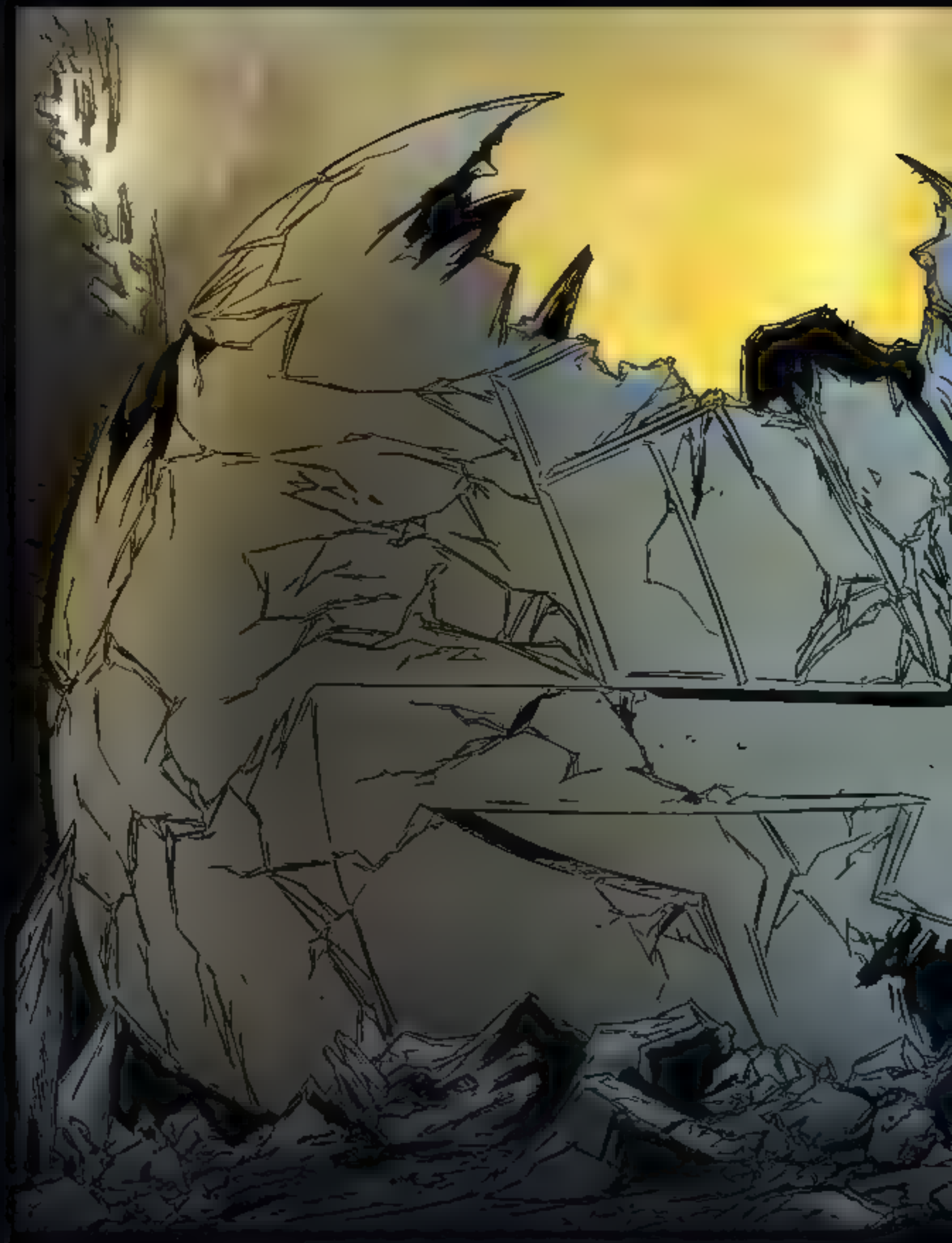

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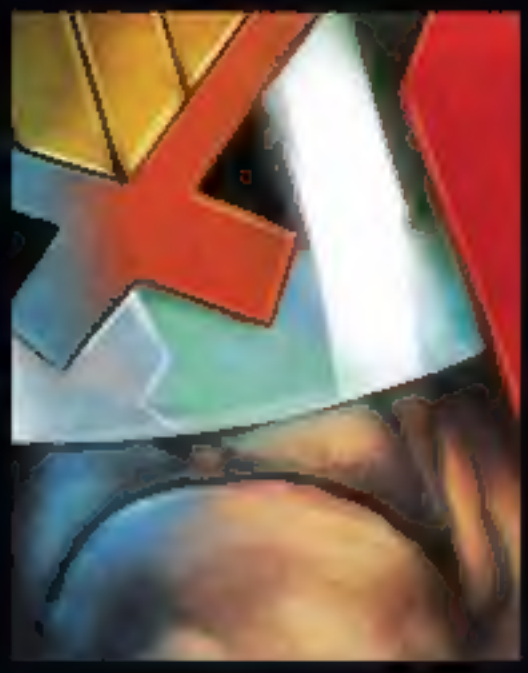

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ALAN GRANT

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TREVOR HAIRSINE

Trevor Hairsine's muscular pencils first wowed *2000 AD* readers on *Strontium Dogs*; he has since co-created *Harmony* and illustrated *Downlode Tales, Judge Anderson, Judge Dredd, Mercy Heights, Missionary Man, One-Offs* and *Pulp Sci-Fi*.

Hairsine went on to pencil the first three issues of Com.X's *Cla$$war*, and has pencilled issues of *Captain America* and *Ultimate Six* for Marvel Comics and *Killapalooza* for Wildstorm.

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Beyond his accomplishments in the world of comics he has also worked in film, television and the music industry, and is heavily involved in the World of *Doctor Who,* where he has illustrated work for the Time Lord luminaries such as Russell T Davies, Mark Gatiss, and comic giant Neil Gaiman.

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He hopes to do more work for Tharg in the future.

DAVE TAYLOR

Dave Taylor started his career at Marvel UK, illustrating such titles as *Zorro* and *Forceworks.* After working on several *Batman* titles for DC, Taylor found his way to the Galaxy's Greatest Comic, where he has worked on *Judge Dredd* strips, and the *Judge Dredd Megazine,* where he has worked on both *Dredd* and *Judge Anderson.*

ANDREW CURRIE

Andrew Currie is a versatile comics artist who first illustrated *Judge Dredd* and *Sinister Dexter* for *2000 AD* in the mid-nineties. Now a well established *2000 AD* and *Judge Dredd Megazine* artist, he is also popular with US comic readers for his pencils on *Iron Man, Nick Fury* and *The Punisher* for Marvel and for his work on Alan Moore's *Smax* miniseries for America's Best Comics.

NICK DYER

Nick Dyer is relatively new to *2000 AD.* Having illustrated some brilliant *Future Shocks* and *Tales From the Black Museum,* he was quickly moved onto *Judge Dredd,* debuting on the Tour of Duty story, *...Regrets.*

JAMES HARREN

American artist **James Harren** started at Marvel working on several X-Men related titles, before moving to Dark Horse to work on *Conan* and *BPRD.* James made a stunning debut in Prog 1819 of *2000 AD* where he provided the art for a Rob Williams *Judge Dredd* story (featured in this collection) along with a mind-blowing cover. He currently resides in Brooklyn, NY with his girlfriend and a lot of books

INAKI MIRANDA

Born in Argentina, **Inaki Miranda** earned a fine arts degree at Complutense University in Madrid, Spain, where he now resides. After working in animation, he caught the eye of the Mighty Tharg who assigned him to *Judge Dredd.* By the time he did his own comic called *The Chase,* he, and his collaborator, colourist **Eva de la Cruz**, had come to the attention of editors at DC, where they were hired as guest artists for Vertigo's *Fables* and for the Minx book *Burnout.* After Markosia's *The Lexian Chronicles* came the graphic novel *Tribes: The Dog Years* for SoulCraft/IDW. The *Fables* spinoff, *Fairest 2: The Hidden Kingdom,* landed Inaki and Eva on the NY Times Graphic Novel Bestseller list. Their latest is the new Vertigo monthly, *Coffin Hill,* which premiered in October, 2013.

JON DAVIS-HUNT

Jon Davis-Hunt started his professional career designing computer games. After deciding to try his luck in the world of comics, Jon got his first professional job with *2000 AD* and has now illustrated several strips for the 'Galaxy's Greatest Comic', including *Judge Dredd, Tharg's Future Shocks, Dandridge* and *Age of the Wolf* which he co-created with Alec Worley. Jon has also drawn *Transformers* for US publisher IDW.

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